



Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #43 Minutes

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March 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
One Texas Center, Room 325
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78704
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Members in attendance: Roger Borgelt, Guy Dudley, Mandy De Mayo, Jim Duncan, Rich Heyman, Lauren Ice, Farzad Mashhood, Terry Mitchell, Susan Moffat, Liz Mueller, Melissa Neslund, Dave Sullivan, Kevin Wier, Nuria Zaragoza, Sarah Linares, Eleanor McKinney, Jose Valera, Jackie Goodman

Chair Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

1. Approval of minutes from February 22, 2016

The February 22, 2016 meeting minutes were approved on consent.

2. Public Comment

- a. Ed Wendler-made a missing middle presentation using Zillow data to assess central city neighborhoods (78704 and 78702) price ranges. Price v age is a correlation.
- b. Frank Harren-MLS data is correct data source. Denser, smaller homes cost less and are more affordable. Use options for housing to promote affordability.
- c. Mary Ingle-representing the Austin Neighborhoods Council, wants a side by side comparison of the current code and the matrix. She again requests the need for this information.
- d. Joyce Basciano-tried to view February 22 CAG meeting video and it didn't work. Must post videos quickly.

3. Summary of recent public outreach activities

Eleanor McKinney presented to ZAP and District 5 neighborhood association residents. Nuria Zaragoza reports out at PC. Jackie Goodman reports out to ZAP.

4. Staff reports on how feedback is being considered in code or policy development

Matt Lewis presented. All input will be categorized into themes such as affordability and mobility and will be integrated back into the code, including the code prescriptions. Staff has documentation of past feedback. Public can provide feedback in a variety of ways such as Speak Up Austin.

5. CAG members discuss any issues related to CAG process

There was a discussion about the Executive Working Group meeting with staff and started to come up with a working relationship. Several members had a discussion about the Envision Tomorrow tool. There was a discussion about the on-line message board.

6. Small area plans: content and implementation

Matt Lewis presented the small area planning process. There was discussion on the selection of future small area plans including updates to existing plans; consideration of small area plans into the code development and mapping process as well as those neighborhoods without a future land use map or small area plans; the need to address certain revisions to the code prior to the adoption of CodeNEXT; small area plans have been evolving in terms of topic areas; and the challenge of amending existing small area plans.

7. An explanation of the Draft Transect Matrix

Matt Lewis presented the purpose of the draft transect matrix. There was discussion about building coverage and impervious cover as well as the need to define certain terms; the need to coordinate with school districts; the purpose of the draft matrix being used primarily for testing during the Sound Check and will be updated; the need to see the actual numbers; how the new code will consider existing zoning districts; the need for a description for how form-based codes will be applied during mapping; the need to form working groups to review the matrix when it is received; the purpose why the code prescriptions will be released ahead of the draft code; the opportunity to contact Council with any concerns; the need for a workflow timeline from a citizen's perspective;

8. Initial briefing on the Natural and Built Environment Code Prescription

Jim Robertson presented an overview of the code prescription as well as outreach opportunities. There was discussion about the type of feedback that will be useful; the need for a diversity of people to provide feedback and discuss tradeoffs; and whether feedback can be received in Spanish.

9. Release of revised CodeNEXT Advisory Group Work Plan

Dave Sullivan presented the recent modifications to the work plan. There was discussion about the need to summarize engagement activities and tools that could be used;. Motion to accept work plan with the edits for ways to communicate outreach efforts such as Google forms plus adding "CAG transmits recommended code" was approved unanimously.

10. Future agenda items

Eleanor McKinney requested that Erin Wood and other staff be available at the March 21 presentation on the code prescription.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14, without objection.