



**Planning Commission  
Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee  
April 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.  
One Texas Center – Room #500  
505 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78704**

**CURRENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Patricia Seeger  
James Schissler

Fayez Kazi  
Nuria Zaragoza

**CALL TO ORDER**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (No public discussion)**

The Planning Commission will announce it will go into Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, to receive advice from Legal Counsel on matters specifically listed on this agenda. The commission may not conduct a closed meeting without the approval of the city attorney.

Private Consultation with Attorney – Section 551.071

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

1. Introduce members of the Committee and Staff.
2. Inform audience of procedure.
3. The first three speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of the March 15, 2016 minutes.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. None.

**4. POTENTIAL CODE AMENDMENTS: Proposed for Discussion and/or Initiation**

*Potential amendments to the code are offered for discussion and/or possible recommendation for initiation. If initiated, Staff will research the proposal and report back to the subcommittee.*

- a. **Watershed Protection Ordinance Clean-Up** – Discuss and consider initiation of amendments to Title 25 and Title 30 to clarify portions of the code related to drainage and environment and remove conflicts and unintended consequences resulting from the 2013 Watershed Protection Ordinance. City Staff: Andrea Bates, Watershed Protection Department, 974-2291, [Andrea.Bates@austintexas.gov](mailto:Andrea.Bates@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action).
- b. **Plain Language Rewrite of Findings of Fact** – Discuss and consider initiation of amendments to Chapter 25-8 and Chapter 30-5 to improve and clarify the findings of fact for land use commission variances. City Staff: Andrea Bates, Watershed Protection Department, 974-2291, [Andrea.Bates@austintexas.gov](mailto:Andrea.Bates@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action).
- c. **University Neighborhood Overlay Height** – Discuss and consider the initiation of an amendment to Title 25 of the Land Development Code to amend allowable building height in the Outer West Campus Subdistrict of the University Neighborhood Overlay District. Sponsor: Commissioner Schissler; co-sponsor: Commissioner Wilson (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

## 5. **REGULAR AGENDA: Previously Initiated**

*Previously initiated amendments to the code are offered for discussion and possible recommendation to the full Planning Commission.*

- a. **Eliza Springs SOS** – Discuss and consider a site-specific amendment to City Code Chapter 25-8, Article 13 (Save Our Springs Initiative), including variances from City Code chapters 25-8-281 and 25-8-341 for the Eliza Springs outlet daylighting project located generally within Zilker Park. City Staff: Chris Herrington, Watershed Protection Department, 974-2840, [Chris.Herrington@austintexas.gov](mailto:Chris.Herrington@austintexas.gov); (Discussion and/or Possible Action).
- b. **Traffic Mitigation** - Discuss and consider an amendment to Title 25 of the Land Development Code Title 25 relating to right-of-way dedications and transportation improvements required as a condition to mitigate the impacts of development approval. City Staff: Andy Linseisen, Development Services Department, 974-2239, [Andy.Linseisen@austintexas.gov](mailto:Andy.Linseisen@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action).
- c. **Board of Adjustment Special Exception Extension** - Discuss and consider an amendment to Title 25 of the Land Development Code to extend the period for which the Board of Adjustment may grant special exceptions and associated fee waivers. City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Zoning Department, 974-3509, [Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov](mailto:Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov) (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

## 6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. **Update on potential upcoming and current code amendments** – City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Zoning Department, 974-3509, [Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov](mailto:Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov); (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

## 7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Future agenda items will NOT be discussed at the current meeting, but will be offered for initiation, discussion, and/or possible recommendation to the full Planning Commission at a FUTURE meeting.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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For more information on the Planning Commission Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee, please contact Greg Dutton at (512) 974-3509 or at [greg.dutton@austintexas.gov](mailto:greg.dutton@austintexas.gov)