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## Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #49 Minutes

June 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm-9:00 pm  
Waller Creek Center, Room 104  
1000 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, TX 78701  
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**Members in attendance:** Melissa Beeler, Roger Borgelt, Mandy De Mayo, Guy Dudley, Jim Duncan, Lauren Ice, Pat King, Eleanor McKinney Terry Mitchell, Susan Moffat, Liz Mueller, Dave Sullivan, Jose Valera, Colby Wallis, Kevin Wier, Nuria Zaragoza

**Members absent:** Rich Heyman

Chair Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

### 1. **Approval of minutes from May 2, 2016.**

The meeting minutes were approved on consent.

### 3. **Comments from and a conversation with Mayor Adler**

Mayor Adler was joined by Councilmembers Casar and Kitchen. There was discussion pertaining to the importance of CodeNEXT as well as the process; having 2-3 joint meetings between the CAG and City Council focusing on the major issues; releasing draft code; .

### 2. **Public Comment**

- Frank Harren discussed how missing middle housing would provide affordability and diversity.
- David Whitworth talked about how the built form and land development code will help with budget issues such as property taxes and transportation as well as taking certain actions in advance of CodeNEXT adoption.
- Darla Bentley discussed the need to make maps of the zip codes and use education to drive the process.
- Mr. Schumer discussed affordability won't be addressed by the code alone and will require the need to address various divisions using innovations and resources to help groups.
- Fred Lewis discussed the need to revamp the CodeNEXT Team, reaffirm Imagine Austin and small area plans, and restore public trust.

- Joyce Basciano is concerned about the three Planned Unit Developments with their density that will lead to gridlock. What is high capacity transit in Austin and where will they be?
- Ryan Nill, representing LA Reunion Cooperative Housing, likes the code prescriptions as well as the Livable City report on affordability as well as the need to address density restrictions and parking minimums that limit the development of cooperative housing.
- Bill Bunch stated CodeNEXT must disclose all work now and see if it meets the intent of Imagine Austin.
- Roger Cauvin, representing Friends of Austin Neighborhoods, stated the need to use the complete community indicators of Imagine Austin to project impacts of the new code to project if new code meets Imagine Austin goals.
- Cis Meyers stated a prescription is needed to focus on business including a study showing if we are making development more affordable.
- Rodney Gonzales, Director of the Development Services Department, stated the CodeNEXT process is important to his department.

#### **4. Presentation from Opticos Design and Lisa Wise Consulting about a draft code format, structure and process.**

John Miki from Opticos Design and Lisa Wise from Lisa Wise Consulting presented. There was discussion about water quality, the desire to release the draft code earlier than January, comparison of current to future code, how feedback from prescriptions inform code development; guiding principles for older neighborhoods; increasing entitlements and teardowns of existing houses; mapping strategies

#### **5. Update on Household Affordability Code Prescription**

Liz Mueller provided an update on the feedback received on the code prescription.

#### **6. Update on Natural and Built Environment Work Group Report**

Lauren Ice and Eleanor McKinney reported. The report includes CAG and public comments, their vision, connections to Imagine Austin, missing topics, and public participation process.

#### **7. Summary of recent public outreach activities**

Eleanor McKinney will be presented the Natural and Built Environment Code Prescription to Austin Neighborhoods Council and wanting to set a District 5 Household Affordability Road Show; Roger Borgelt presented the basics of CodeNEXT to the South Austin Business Association and CEO Network as well as with the Austin Quick Service Restaurant Group; Susan Moffat met with the AISD Board of Trustees who may be providing a resolution; Mandy De Mayo met with the Housing Works Board, the Austin Housing Coalition; and the Westminster Manner Democratic Club. Liz Mueller and Nuria Zaragoza presented to Austin Neighborhoods Council; Dave Sullivan met with DesegregateATX, music business members, and members of various boards and commissions; Jim Duncan spoke on the Austin Monitor's KOOP radio program.

#### **8. CAG members discuss any issues related to CAG process**

There were discussions about the specific questions to ask the consultants; a timeline for the CodeNEXT process including for the mapping process; illustrate how the CodeNEXT process is progressing; need for Spanish translation; the need to have subdivision regulations with zoning regulations; show how their feedback is being used in code development process; showing the “heat map” when it is developed.

9. **Future agenda items**

No action

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01, without objection.