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Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #57

December 7th 2016 at 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Waller Creek Center, Room 104

625 E 10th Street

Austin, TX 78701

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Minutes

Present: Jim Duncan, Nuria Zaragoza, Elizabeth (Liz) Mueller, Patricia King, Melissa Beeler, Cesar Acosta, Eleanor McKinney, Roger Borgelt, Susan Moffat, Dave Sullivan, Lauren Ice, Mandy de Mayo, Richard Heyman, Colby Wallis

Not Present: Jose Valera, Guy Dudley, Terry Mitchell

CALL TO ORDER

Chair called meeting to order at 6:00 pm

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (6:00-6:05)

November 28, 2016 minutes approved as presented.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL (6:05-6:20)

Ms. Caroline Wright spoke on behalf of Preservation Austin as a board member and chair of the advocacy committee. Ms. Wright asked that the newly completed East Austin Historic Resource System Survey be taken into consideration by the CAG.

Mr. Greg Anderson spoke on behalf of Austin Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Anderson mentioned that Habitat has had a couple of projects cut in half because of compatibility and asked that discussions on compatibility include both the good and bad effects of the requirement.

3. OLD BUSINESS (6:20-6:40)

a. Staff status report on outreach & drafting process (5 minutes)

Greg Guernsey discussed a joint meeting with both the Planning Commission (PC) and Zoning & Platting (ZAP) possibly on Dec. 20th.

As part of the roll out of the Public Review Draft of the code, there will be both a Council Session and PC & ZAP session on January 31st.

Mr. Guernsey will confirm the date for joint meeting. The agenda would include an update of the Timeline. Please see video at: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12092016-604/2/> for in-depth discussion.

b. CAG report on outreach efforts (15 minutes)

i. Prescription Paper Feedback & Poll

Consensus was to have a meeting in Feb, May and June of 2017, which would allow time for the CAG to comment on the code. John informed the group that a report turned in after June 7th will not be able to be considered for the second draft (PC draft) of the code. Please see video at: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12092016-604/2/> for in-depth discussion.

ii. Outreach to stakeholder groups

No outreach updates since the last meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS (6:40-8:50)

a. Consultant presentation on transects (60 minutes)

John Miki Opticos Design Inc. presented on transects:

This will be a new code, not a revised code. The community character manual provides intent. Mr. Miki provided a shallow dive into the transect zones and building types allowed in each transects.

Questions alluded to John stating if zoning will change to conflict with what currently lies on the ground (ex- setbacks). He responded that it would all depend on the intent (NP or FLUM). T5 Urban would also include townhouses and live-work units, also this zone will not have to include ground floor commercial (compared to T5 Main Street). T6 Urban applies to downtown and the Domain only. Urban maxes out at 12 stories. Urban Core is unlimited height, but reflective of the code that already exists downtown. Urban and Urban Core will only be mapped at the Regional Centers.

Please see video at: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12092016-604/2/> for presentation and in-depth discussion.

b. Consultant presentation on approach to compatibility (60 minutes)

John Miki Opticos Design Inc. presented on transects:

Mr. Miki discussed integrating existing tools of multiple approaches each implementing important standards to adjust base zoning districts to encourage compatible development.

Mr. Miki used East Riverside Corridor as an example to show what would happen with a regulating plan that modified compatibility requirements, in exchange they compressed the distance of the stepping. The new zones will bake in compatibility. Like versus like, Main Street forms facing Main Street and house forms facing houses.

McKinney voiced concern that if compatibility is baked into the new zones that we would not understand intent until the Draft Map is released on April 18. She asks for a compatibility cross-section that shows how it will be different from the current code.

Please see video at: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/12092016-604/3/> for presentation and in-depth discussion.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (8:50-9:00)

- a. Consultant presentation on the mapping process
- b. Staff presentation on Outreach Outline
- c. Add Polling results discussion.

ADJORNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm