



CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 16,
2016

The Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 505 Barton Spring Road, One Texas Center, Room #500, in Austin, Texas.

Commissioner Zaragoza called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Fayez Kazi
Yvette Flores
Betsy Greenberg

Patricia Seeger
Nuria Zaragoza
James Schissler

City Staff in Attendance:

Jerry Rusthoven, Planning and Zoning Department
Daniel Word, Development Services Department

Others in Attendance:

David King

Stuart Hersh

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Stuart Hersh spoke about the need for affordable housing highlighted by the draft Austin Strategic Housing Plan, and suggested a fast-track permitting process to more easily allow housing to be built.

No action taken.

- b. David King spoke about a desire for all density bonuses to be addressed as a part of CodeNEXT.

No action taken.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the August 17, 2016 meeting minutes.

The August meeting minutes will be available at the next COJC meeting. No action was taken.

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. None.

5. REGULAR AGENDA: Previously Initiated

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

- a. **Central Health Overlay** – Discuss and consider an overlay for the Central Health campus, located in the northeast quadrant of downtown. City Staff: Jerry Rusthoven, Planning and Zoning Department, 974-3207, Jerry.Rusthoven@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Jerry Rusthoven went over an amendment to create an overlay in a portion of downtown that would allow the Central Health authority to have a wider mix of uses and certain design standards that under the existing P and CBD zoning.

Commissioners requested additional time to review the proposal, and asked that the language be put in draft ordinance format. They also asked staff to think about how affordable housing might be incorporated into the draft regulations.

The item will return at the January COJC meeting. No action taken.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **Single-Family Attached Residential** – Discussion of Single-Family Attached Residential regulations. Sponsor: Commissioner McGraw; co-sponsor: Commissioner Zaragoza (Discussion).

Commissioner McGraw expressed concern that the Single-Family Attached Residential use was being used to effectively subdivide single family neighborhoods into lots that are smaller than is typically allowed under SF-3. Although Single-Family Attached Residential functions in a similar manner to a duplex, with the same number of dwelling units per lot, there is not necessarily a shared wall, and the way in which the two units can be attached to each other is vague.

No action taken.

- b. **Update on Potential Upcoming and Current Code Amendments** – City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Zoning Department, 974-3509, Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

No action taken.

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

Commissioner Zaragoza adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:35 p.m.

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