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Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #44 Minutes

March 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
Waller Creek Center, Room 104
625 E. 10th Street
Austin, TX 78701
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Members in attendance: Roger Borgelt, Guy Dudley, Mandy De Mayo, Jim Duncan, Rich Heyman, Lauren Ice, Farzad Mashhood, Susan Moffat, Liz Mueller, Dave Sullivan, Kevin Wier, Nuria Zaragoza, Sarah Linares, Eleanor McKinney, Jose Valera, Jackie Goodman

Members absent: Terry Mitchell, Melissa Neslund

Chair Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM

1. Approval of minutes from March 7, 2016

The March 7, 2016 meeting minutes were approved on consent.

2. Public Comment

- a. Jeff Jack referred to page 207 of Imagine Austin stating that neighborhood plans must be respected.
- b. Fred Lewis stated the CAG and the public must have sufficient time to review the draft code and revise the CAG schedule to allow staff to work on getting the draft code out sooner.
- c. Frank Harren stated that Friends of Austin Neighborhoods has a position that supports more affordable housing choices.
- d. Ryan Nill stated that context sensitive parking would allow for more units or open space.
- e. Joyce Basciano wanted clarification about a number of terms used in the Natural and Built Environment Code Prescription, would like to see the Envision Tomorrow data and would like the tree image on the CodeNEXT website to link to the items it references.
- f. John Woodley talked about disability access, bike issues, businesses with drive-throughs that are not serving pedestrians and cyclists and the overall need for bike and pedestrian facilities.

3. Summary of recent public outreach activities

Susan Moffat provided an update to the City of Austin/AISD Board of Trustees/Travis County Commissioners Court Joint Committee and other education groups. Liz Mueller met with

Councilmember Houston and will be presenting at a Town Hall in April. Jim Duncan presented to the Austin Neighborhoods Council. Melissa Neslund presented at the Platinum Top 50 conference.

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

Matt Lewis stated this would be covered during the presentation of the Code Prescription

5. CAG members discuss any issues related to CAG process

There was a discussion to revise the work plan to free up staff to write the code quicker including fewer meetings, the need to have a presentation on subdivision requirements, which parts of the city will be under form-based code and use based code, and the need to have a tool to record and consolidate feedback. The need to provide a Google form that will help capture information in real time during the meeting was approved unanimously.

6. Report on Green Infrastructure and Sustainability aspect of the Natural and Built Environment Code Prescription.

Eleanor McKinney and Lauren Ice made presentations from ASLA-CTX and SOS Alliance respectively. There was discussion about the cost of green infrastructure relative to the overall cost of a project, the types of incentives utilized, parkland dedication fees, green roofs, how we might pursue the balance of green infrastructure with water management, the urban heat island affect, and use of greywater to irrigate parks.

7. Presentation on the Natural and Built Environment Code Prescription and the creation of a working group to provide consolidated feedback on the code prescription.

Jennifer Todd presented the content of the code prescription. There was a discussion about the need for an executive summary of the top tradeoffs; the desire for a disposition and derivation table and seeing early drafts of the code; wanting to know where form-based code will be mapped; ensuring that schools are protected as part of the parking strategy; new housing types should include family-friendly housing types; green infrastructure considerations including open space, urban forest, functional green, and watershed modeling; the Urban Forest Inventory Analysis; tree preservation; balancing the need between east and west Austin; and trees and missing middle housing.

8. Report from Sarah Linares.

Sarah Linares provided her thoughts about outreach.

9. Future agenda items

No action

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06, without objection.