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Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #46 Minutes

April 18, 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: Melissa Beeler, Roger Borgelt, Guy Dudley, Mandy De Mayo, Jim Duncan, Jackie Goodman, Rich Heyman, Lauren Ice, Farzad Mashhood, Eleanor McKinney Terry Mitchell, Susan Moffat, Liz Mueller, Dave Sullivan, Kevin Wier, Jose Valera, Nuria Zaragoza

Members absent: Melissa Neslund

Chair Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

1. **Approval of minutes from March 21, 2016 and April 4, 2016.**

The meeting minutes were approved on consent.

2. **Public Comment**

- a. Ryan Nill stated it good that CodeNEXT is using the transect which is based on ecology and there is a concern that using Euclidian zoning on the outskirts will not provide services for low income.
- b. Geoffrey Tahuahua provided the formal response to the Natural and Built Environment Code Prescription as well as Sensible Landscaping from the Home Builders Association of Greater Austin.
- c. Kristy Street provided the ASLA-Central Texas response the Natural and Built Environment Code Prescription and summarized highlights of the response document.
- d. David King, representing the Austin Neighborhoods Council stated that over 1,000 lots zoned Single Family have been upzoned since 2001 which has resulted in a 7% decrease in Single-Family zoned land.
- e. Amy Rampy supports the ASLA-Central Texas response document.
- f. Mary Ingle, President of the Austin Neighborhoods Council, stated that according to the 2012 Zoning Capacity Analysis, density could double with the existing zoning. CodeNEXT needs to have a baseline of zoning that could be modeled to project what could be built out.

- g. Frank Harren stated that single family housing is not affordable and we must create opportunities for more mixed housing as per Imagine Austin.
- h. Betsy Greenberg stated that the survey for the Austin Housing Plan was biased in favor of affordable housing.
- i. Joyce Basciano stated the website must be more user friendly and hasn't heard a response to her questions.
- j. Evan Gill was concerned the prescriptions the Natural and Built Environment Code Prescription was increase the cost of development.

3. Summary of recent public outreach activities

Jim Duncan attended a music series regarding their concerns including affordable housing. Ele McKinney presented at a District 5 meeting and reported that the Flood Mitigation Task Force report will be released in June and wants their report on a future CAG agenda. Liz Mueller attended a District 1 Town Hall meeting and heard concerns about compatibility, the boundaries of Imagine Austin centers and corridors, and the impacts of CodeNEXT on property values, taxes and the African-American community. Kevin Wier attended an Austin Neighborhoods Council District 7 meeting where participants feel like the City is not listening to their concerns and concern that planning efforts are not coordinated.

9. Recommendation for District 3 vacancy

Melissa Beeler was nominated unanimously. Dave Sullivan expressed concern there are no African-Americans on the CAG.

6. Training for BC email accounts

Deena Estrada from the Office of the City Clerk provided training and had members sign a form indicating they completed the training.

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

Jim Robertson discussed the process for collecting feedback on the code prescription. There was a discussion about the consistency of the feedback.

5. CAG members discuss any issues related to CAG process

There were discussions about website improvements, the need for more preparation for future public comment meetings, concern by some members of the public that they could not address the entire CAG during the April 4 public comment meeting, frustration of not having received approval for a message board and wanting a map of areas of change and stability.

7. Staff Summary of Code Prescription: Natural and Built Environment

Jennifer Todd presented the content of the code prescription. There were discussion about open space, watershed modelling, trees, strategies to prevent sprawl, public benefits, on-street parking near schools, flood mitigation for redevelopment, compatibility,

8. CAG Discussion of Code Prescription: Natural and Built Environment

Ele McKinney discussed the code prescription process. There were discussions about what was heard at each table during the April 4 public comment meeting, how public feedback will be used including prior to the release of the public draft code

10. Future agenda items

No action

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