



CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 18,
2017

The Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 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:

Ann Denkler
Yvette Flores
Betsy Greenberg

Patricia Seeger
Nuria Zaragoza
James Schissler

City Staff in Attendance:

Andrea Bates, Watershed Protection Department
John Eastman, Public Works Department
Gary Gregson, Parks and Recreation Department
Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation Department

Others in Attendance:

John Woodley

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. John Woodley spoke about an issue with drive-through services not being available to modes of transportation other than cars. If walk-in facilities are closed at certain hours, it can be impossible for pedestrians, cyclists, and the disabled to get service from a drive-through window.

No action taken.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the August 17, 2016 meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of the November 16, 2016 meeting minutes.

A motion was made was made by Commissioner Seeger, seconded by Commissioner Schissler, to approve the August and November meeting minutes, with a correction that the vote count needs to reflect attendance. Vote: 6-0 (Commissioner Kazi absent).

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. **Sidewalks** – Discuss and consider initiation of an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code related to requirements for sidewalk placement. City Staff: Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation Department, (512) 974-1405, Joel.Meyer@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Joel Meyer presented a potential code amendment that would update and change the requirements for how sidewalks are placed, built, and maintained. The proposed recommended changes are from the recently adopted Sidewalk Master Plan, adopted by Council in 2016. The amendments will run concurrently with CodeNEXT, likely be adopted ahead of CodeNEXT, and then incorporated into the new code.

A motion was made to recommend initiation of the item by Commissioner Seeger, seconded by Commissioner Flores. Vote: 6-0 (Commissioner Kazi absent).

5. REGULAR AGENDA: Previously Initiated

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

- a. **Zilker Park Site-Specific SOS Amendment** – Discuss and consider an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code for a site-specific Save Our Springs (SOS) amendment for a project located generally within Zilker Park. City Staff: Gary Gregson, Parks and Recreation Department, (512) 974-9475, Gary.Gregson@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Gary Gregson gave a presentation a site-specific amendment to the Save Our Springs ordinance, to allow the construction of a new restroom and associated facilities, new water quality controls, and ADA improvements.

A motion was made to recommend the amendment to Planning Commission by Commissioner Schissler, seconded by Commissioner Seeger. Vote: 6-0. (Commissioner Kazi absent).

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. **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).

Greg Dutton went over a list of current code amendments that are in process; those proposed to be completed in the near-term, and those that will be put on hold while CodeNEXT is in process.

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.

A motion was made to put the drive-through item (from Citizen Communications, above) on a future agenda (sponsor: Commissioner Seeger; co-sponsor: Commissioner Zaragoza) if, after staff looks into the issue, it appears to be something that could be addressed by the COJC.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zaragoza adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:40 p.m.

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For more information on the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee, please contact Greg Dutton at (512) 974-3509 or at greg.dutton@austintexas.gov