



**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
PRESERVATION PLAN COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
One Texas Center, Room 560
505 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas

CURRENT MEMBERS:

x *Terri Myers*
abs *Alexander Papavasiliou*
x *Beth Valenzuela*

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first three speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

B. DISCUSSION

1. CodeNEXT draft 2

Commissioners discussed the text of CodeNEXT divisions relevant to historic preservation, principally Division 23-4 and 23-7. No motions were made.

Discussion included:

Preservation of historic character

- The need to consider CodeNEXT's impact on central neighborhoods proposed to be zoned for increased density; there is significant concern that CodeNEXT will incentivize teardowns.
- The need to protect identified potential historic districts, once confirmed by the City
- The need to incentivize saving older buildings

ADU compatibility

- Concern about larger ADUs dwarfing existing houses and changing neighborhood character
- Review of ADUs on corner lots for compatibility with neighborhood character
- ADUs compatibility with existing neighborhood fabric; e.g., with height, width, square footage; or size as a percentage of the existing house size or the lot size

Specific requested changes

- Additions to Definitions sections: local historic landmark, National Historic Landmark

- Add illustrations, particularly: define “visibility from the street” with ADUs, show process charts/flow charts and tables
- Shift historic review of National Register historic district projects earlier in review process
- Text changes and reordering for clarity

Future discussions

- Potential topics for the Preservation Plan Committee to tackle after CodeNEXT: citywide design guidelines for National Register historic districts, citywide design guidelines for all buildings over 40 years old (advisory), defining “community value,” rewriting the preservation ordinance, The requiring quality materials for rehabilitation projects
- Potential topic for Preservation Plan Committee or Operations Committee: ways to streamline conversion from National Register historic districts to local historic districts

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For more information on the Historic Landmark Commission, please contact Steve Sadowsky, Historic Preservation Officer, at 974-6454, or Cara Bertron, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer, at 974-1446.