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Planning Commission Priorities: Review and Revision of Austin's Land Development Code (Proposed)

In anticipation of a new process for revision of Austin's land development code from City Manager Cronk in early 2019, the Planning Commission adopts the following review and revision priorities.

1. Conduct an in-depth review of Imagine Austin, in preparation for future updates and to inform future land development code discussion and deliberation.
2. Develop a process for Planning Commission to vet the next land development code rewrite—whether entire or partial—that:
 - emphasizes transparency, equity, and inclusive engagement across all Austin communities;
 - affords all citizen stakeholders an active role in building consensus around formulation of proposed code amendments and maintenance of and updates to existing neighborhood and small area plans; and
 - adheres to standard Planning Commission practices for deliberation and decision-making.
3. Identify potential test-pilot opportunities for code amendments or small area planning efforts in a public and transparent manner in areas where stakeholder support for testing has been established.
4. Conduct policy discussions regarding significant, complex topics [such as Affordability/Density, Sustainability/Environment, Gentrification and Displacement, Transportation Objectives and Equitable Dispersion of Growth] in a respectful and inclusive manner that is based on factual information.
5. Develop strategies to re-orient land use decisions away from the transactional and towards a holistic and deliberative approach balancing concerns about near- and long-term implications. Planning Commission must view code amendment recommendations both as near-term solutions to resolve imminent issues while at the same time looking at future implications (10-15-20 years) to avoid unintentional consequences.