

*Indicates notes, memo, or correspondence attached

Boards and Commissions

- December 19, 2012 – Urban Forestry Board (Now Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee) Memo following release of draft in 2012*
 - Not supportive
 - Initiative aborted pending completion of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- August 17, 2017 Fire Chief Advisory Board
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- November 6, 2017 Public Safety Commission
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- February 7, 2018 Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- February 7, 2018 Planning Commission
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- May 23, 2018 – Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals Memo and Briefing
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, request to complete stakeholder engagement before returning for recommendation
- January 7, 2019 – Public Safety Commission
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- April 1, 2019 – Public Safety Commission
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, concern over application to preserve lands
 - Resolved via follow-up response in writing, document attached
- June 3, 2019 – Public Safety Commission*
 - Supportive
 - Discussion
 - Endorsed draft
- July 6, 2019 – Zoning and Platting Commission
 - Supportive
 - Concern over use of WUI code to support request for a zoning change
 - Discussion*

- September 11, 2019 Environmental Commission Work Session*
 - Not supportive
 - Concerns over enforcement of defensible space, terminology, technical complexity
 - Agreed to take up with full commission
- September 18, 2019 – Environmental Commission*
 - Supportive with conditions
 - Draft ordinance revised

External:

- May 5, 2017 - Wildfire Symposium
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- October 25, 2017 - Austin Neighborhoods Council
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- November 14, 2017 - Texas State University Environmental Geography Graduate Class
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- January 24, 2018 - Memo to Austin Infill Coalition
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- February 1, 2018 - Grow Green Professional Landscapers Training
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, questions regarding certified wildlife habitats
 - Resolved with verbal response
- February 21, 2018 - Memo and Briefing to Greater Austin Homebuilders Association - General Meeting
 - Unknown if supportive or not
 - No discussion, however follow-up led to scheduling of a focus group meeting
- April 6, 2018 - Greater Austin Home Builders Association - Focus Group
 - Not supportive
 - Discussion
 - Issues with reality of local wildfire risks/ need for the code
 - Agreed to schedule a follow-up meeting where issue was resolved through sharing of maps and reports and discussion with AFD staff
- June 13, 2018 – Greater Austin Home Builders Association - Focus Group
 - Not supportive
 - Discussion
 - Issue with increase costs
 - HBA agreed to provide cost estimates and schedule follow-up meeting, AFD agreed to consider ways to revise draft to reduce costs
- June 27, 2018 – Real Estate Council of Austin

- Not supportive
 - Issues with increased complexity, time, and expense of permit reviews
 - Not resolved, however deferral of permit review and inspection processes to fire code should at least partially satisfy concerns, need follow-up with final draft
- July 18, 2018 – Greater Austin Home Builders Association - Focus Group
 - Not supportive
 - Issues with costs in both materials and permits and increased review time and complexity
 - Agreed to edit draft and schedule follow-up meeting
- July 25, 2018 – International Code Council, Kelly Sadler
 - Supportive, offered state and national level stakeholder suggestions
- October 30, 2018 – Greater Austin Home Builders Association - Focus Group
 - Supportive of draft regarding ignition resistant construction local amendments but not supportive of permit review and processes
 - Issue with permit review, inspections, and fees
 - Not resolved, need follow-up with final draft, and budget and fees estimates
- March 7, 2019 – Professional Landscape Training
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- April 11, 2019 – Randy Jamieson, Riverplace Firewise Representative
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- May 3, 2019 – Wildfire Symposium – Poster
 - Supportive
 - Discussions one on one and through session question responses
- June 12, 2019 – Austin Heritage Tree Foundation
 - Brief discussion, expressed concerns
 - Suggested meet with Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee
- June 13, 2019 – Ron Thrower and Design Team, Riverplace rezoning case
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
 - Design team wanted to know how code would apply to a proposed development in a WUI area
- July 8, 2019 – Eleanor McKinney, Local Landscape Architect
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- September 9, 2019 – Austin Heritage Tree Foundation
 - Follow-up through Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee
 - Undecided support
 - Comments and notes generated*
 - Follow-up through Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee
- September 17, 2019-Development Services Department Stakeholders
 - Supportive
 - No comments or discussion

- September 19, 2019 Greater Austin Home Builders Association Advocacy Forum*
 - Supportive
 - Discussion with concern expressed over lead time for development agreements
- Internal:
- July 10, 2012 – Watershed Protection Department Initial Comments Document*
 - Not supportive
 - Initiative aborted pending completion of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- July 6, 2016 Internal Stakeholders Information Session
 - Supportive of model code approach
 - Issues through comments, attached spreadsheet and earlier communication from Watershed Protection Department*
 - Resolution through local amendments
- June 27, July 11 and 18, 2017 Internal Stakeholders Building Permits Focus Group
 - Supportive
 - Issues with staffing and authority
 - Partially resolved in 2nd and 3rd meetings and finally in agreed upon authority in the July 16, 2018 Code Adoption Planning Group meeting
- August 1 and 3, 2017 Internal Stakeholders Defensible Space Focus Group
 - Supportive
 - Issues with staffing and authority
 - Resolved at the July 16, 2018 Code Adoption Planning Group meeting
- October 10 and 24, 2017, Austin Code Department Presentations
 - Supportive
 - Discussion, no issues
- July 16, 2018 – Code Adoption Planning Group
 - Supportive
 - Issues over authority and staffing
 - Resolved in discussion and agreement to keep authority and staffing in AFD
- June 10, 2019 – COA Environmental Officer and Urban Forester
 - Not supportive
 - Issues with retroactivity and inspection responsibility
 - Resolved through Environmental Commission conditions 9/18/19
- July 25, 2019 – Austin-Travis County Wildfire Coalition
 - 2 members expressed concern over staffing and use of modelling data
 - Travis County burn boss provided written comments*
 - Resolution expected by use of most current data and methods for modelling and by removing fire protection requirements for existing development unless distinct hazard to life or property
- September 10, 2019 Internal Stakeholders Meeting*
 - Supportive
 - Discussion with some concern over enforcement of defensible space

AFD Wildfire staff has been involved with several groups related to wildfire programs including the WUI code. Groups discuss issues related to wildfire programs among other topics. Issue resolution occurs through discussion and follow-up as needed. All of these groups are expected to be supportive and will be important for final stakeholder engagement.

- Austin Travis County Wildfire Coalition
 - Meets quarterly
 - Briefings and updates provided on WUI code and other wildfire planning and regulatory issues, specific WUI code outreach on 7/25/19 shown above under internal stakeholders
- Austin Firewise Alliance
 - Meets quarterly
 - Supportive
- Austin Forestry Leadership Team
 - Meets quarterly
 - No opposition
- Interdepartmental Tree working Group
 - Meets monthly
 - No opposition
- Watershed Protection Grow Green Team
 - Meets monthly
 - Strong partner in connecting to landscape professionals
 - No opposition
- Land Development Code rewrite Team (formerly CodeNEXT Core Staff Team)
 - Meets as needed
 - Supportive of land development code changes in subdivision and transportation chapters
 - No opposition
- Green Infrastructure Priority Program Implementation Team
 - Meets Quarterly
 - No opposition
- Public Land Management Team
 - Meets Quarterly
 - No opposition
- Resilient Subdivision Team
 - Meets as needed
 - Integrate WUI code with Land Development Code Regulations and Sustainability goals of resiliency from hazards
 - Strong partners and supportive for infrastructure and community resilience aspect of WUI code

