



REGULAR MEETING CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES **Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

The Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 15, at 1000 E. 11th St, Street Jones Building, Room 400A, Austin, TX 78702.

Vice Chair Barrera-Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Awais Azhar
Ann Denkler
Todd Shaw

Nadia Barrera-Ramirez (Vice-Chair)
Claire Hempel
Jolene Kiolbassa

City Staff in Attendance:

Katie Wettick, Public Works Department
Atha Phillips, Watershed Protection Department

Others in Attendance:

None

CALL TO ORDER

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the April 21, 2021 meeting minutes.

Postponed without objection to the next meeting.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Election of Officers.** Elect a chair and vice-chair of the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee.

A motion was made to elect Commissioner Barrera-Ramirez as Chair and Commissioner Hempel as Vice-Chair, by Commissioner Azhar, seconded by Commissioner Shaw. Vote: 6-0. (Commissioner Connolly absent).

3. 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. **None.**

4. REGULAR AGENDA: Previously Initiated

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

- a. **Urban Trail Code Amendments.** Discuss and consider amendments to City Code Title 25 related to cut and fill requirements and critical water quality zone development regulations as applied to Urban Trails. City Staff: Katie Wettick, Public Works Department (512) 974-3529, katie.wettick@austintexas.gov (Discussion and/or possible action).

Katie Wettick gave an overview of proposed amendments related to urban trails, that will modify cut and fill requirements and allow wider trails within critical water quality zones.

A motion was made to recommend the item by Commissioner Azhar, seconded by Commissioner Hempel. Vote: 6-0 (Commissioner Connolly absent).

5. 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).

A request was made for a summary list of in-process code amendments, which will be provided at a future meeting.

6. 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. None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Barrera-Ramirez adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:39 pm.

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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