



REGULAR MEETING CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

**The Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Permitting and Development Center (PDC) – Room #1406
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive Austin, TX 78752**

Chair Barrera-Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Greg Anderson

Claire Hempel (Vice-Chair)

Ann Denkler

Nadia Barrera-Ramirez (Chair)

City Staff in Attendance:

Andrew Rice, Housing and Planning Department

Donna Galati, Project Connect Office

Alyssa Hedge, Project Connect Office

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the June 15, 2022, meeting minutes.
2. Approval of the August 17, 2022, meeting minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Hempel, seconded by Commission Barrera-Ramirez. Vote: 4-0.

The June 15 minutes were not available but will be available for approval at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. **2023 Meeting Schedule.** Discuss and approve the 2023 meeting schedule.

Commissioners discussed various options for meeting location, date, and time. Staff will make inquiries and let the Commissioners know what options exist for the 2023 meeting schedule.

4. **Historic Design Standards Amendments.** Discuss and consider a recommendation for initiation of amendments to Title 25 of the City Code to codify the Historic Design Standards as a tool for interpreting the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. *(No changes to the historic review process are proposed.)* City Staff: Andrew Rice, Housing and Planning and Department, (512) 974-1686, andrew.rice@austintexas.gov

Andrew Rice gave an overview of changes to historic design standards that would require minor changes to the land development code (LDC), noting that there would be no change to the review process.

A motion was made to recommend initiation of the item to Planning Commission by Commissioner Denkler, seconded by Commissioner Hempel, with additional direction that staff meet with homebuilders to go over changes. Vote: 3-0-1. Item failed to garner an affirmative vote but will move to PC for initiation without a recommendation.

- 5. Project Connect.** Discuss and consider a recommendation for adoption of an ordinance amending Title 25 of City Code to create a foundational ordinance for Transit System Projects to facilitate the construction of critical transportation infrastructure. City Staff: Donna Galati, Project Connect Office, (512) 974-2733, Donna.Galati@austintexas.gov

A recusal by Commissioner Barrera-Ramirez meant that quorum was lost, and the item was not heard.

No action taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 6. Update on Potential Upcoming and Current Code Amendments** – City Staff: Greg Dutton, Housing and Planning and Department, (512) 974-3509, Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Greg Dutton went over a list of in-process code amendments. No action taken.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Barrera-Ramirez adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:55 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

On Vice Chair Hempel's motion, Chair Barrera-Ramirez's second, the September 21, 2022, minutes were approved on a 4-0-0 vote.