



HOUSING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 23, 2024

Committee Members Present:

1. CM Natasha Harper-Madison, Chair
2. CM Ryan Alter, Vice Chair
3. CM Paige Ellis
4. CM Zohaib “Zo” Qadri
5. Mayor Kirk Watson

Council Members in Attendance:

1. CM José “Chito” Vela

Call to Order

Chair Harper-Madison called the committee meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

Public Communication: General

There were three speakers.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the minutes of the Housing and Planning Committee meeting on November 14, 2023.**

The minutes of the November 14, 2023, Housing and Planning Committee meeting were approved on Council Member Qadri’s motion, and Council Member Ryan Alter’s second, on a 4-0 vote (Council Member Ellis was off the dais during the vote).

Briefings

2. **Update on Austin Light Rail program associated with Project Connect by Austin Transit Partnership.**

The Committee received a briefing from Jennifer Pyne, (Executive Vice President-Planning, Community & Federal Programs), Austin Transit Partnership.

Discussion and Possible Action

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding proposed Land Development Code amendments that are related to Project Connect, increasing density, minimum lot sizes for properties zoned single-family, and council-initiated code amendments.**

The Committee received a briefing from Lauren Middleton-Pratt (Director) and Andrea Bates (Assistant Director), Planning Department.

Council Member Harper-Madison made the following motion: Recommend to City Council the prioritization of existing land development code amendments as proposed by City Staff at the January Housing and Planning Committee, including an ETOD overlay corridor, reduced minimum lot sizes, and revised site development standards. Council Member Qadri seconded the motion.

The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

4. Discussion and possible action on the status and timeline of amendments to the Land Development Code.

The Committee received a briefing from Lauren Middleton-Pratt (Director) and Andrea Bates (Assistant Director), Planning Department.

5. Approve the 2024 Housing and Planning Committee meeting calendar.

The Committee approved the 2024 amended meeting calendar on CM Qadri's motion, and Council Member Ryan Alter's second, on a 4-0 vote (Council Member Ellis was off the dais during the vote).

Future Items

6. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

No items were identified for future meetings.

Chair Harper-Madison adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

The minutes were approved on this the 20th day of February 2024 on Council Member Ryan Alter's motion, Mayor Kirk Watson's second on a 5-0 vote.