



## **Annual Internal Review**

**This report covers the time period of 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024**

### **Comprehensive Plan Joint Committee**

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**The Board/Commission mission statement** (per the City Code) **is:** The City Council creates the Comprehensive Plan Joint Committee to consider and make recommendations to the Planning Commission on issues relating to the comprehensive plan, including:

- (1) proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; and
- (2) implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, including policy directives or initiatives of the city council or the Planning Commission.

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

**August 23** – Reviewed and recommended changes for the draft report of the 10 year Imagine Austin status report.

Recommended changes to the Zoning Change Review Sheet to provide more information on backup material provided to the land use commissions, including Imagine Austin Decision Guidelines checklist, sustainable development indicators, and whether the zoning change is located over Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone or Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.

**October 23** - Recommended a grant proposal by COA Housing Department to support the Strategic Housing Blueprint as part of Imagine Austin.

Recommended inclusion of ETOD Policy Plan as part of Imagine Austin.

**January 24** – Considered ATD staff recommendations for amendments to the ASMP as part of Imagine Austin.

**February 24** – Amended Imagine Austin with updated Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD) typologies and maps.

**April 24** - Approved transmission of the Comprehensive Plan Joint Committee's CIP memo for recommendations to the City Manager with a list of capital improvements recommended to implement the Imagine Austin plan.

**2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.**

The CPJC did have one issue fall outside our mission statement which may not have been in keeping with City Code. The Planning Commission considered and approved regulations to enact the South Central Waterfront Vision plan without consideration and/or recommendations from the CPJC regarding the implementation of the Imagine Austin plan, including policy directives or initiatives of the city council or the Planning Commission. The action taken by the Planning Commission may have been in conflict with the direction of the City Council under Ordinance No. 20160616-074 "amending the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan by adopting the South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan" as an "amendment to and a component of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan" [20160616-074, Ordinance ([austintexas.gov](http://austintexas.gov))]. The CPJC should have been involved with the review of and recommendations for the South Central Waterfront Vision plan, but the members were not consulted. In the future, City staff should direct all ordinances including *"implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, including policy directives or initiatives of the city council or the Planning Commission"* [CoA Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-1-208] to the CPJC for review and recommendation.

**3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.**

Given the COA's failure to follow the City Code and the Mission Statement of the CPJC, it is imperative for the Commission members of the Committee to ensure no issue involving the Imagine Austin Comprehensive plan be considered by the Commission unless the full CPJC has reviewed and recommended changes.

Begin the comprehensive review of the Imagine Austin Plan and update the Plan to ensure the vision still addresses the needs for the future of the City of Austin.