

Late Backup



Austin Comprehensive Plan

Finalists Presentations to Council

February 12, 2009

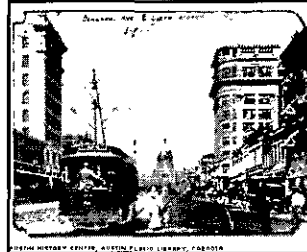


Background

- December 2007 - Council authorized the following
 - Complete an interim update based on existing adopted policies to update current, antiquated plan (COMPLETE)
 - Begin to focus on preparing a new Comprehensive Plan to address long-range planning issues
- Budget authorized for new Comprehensive Plan in 2008-2009
- RFQ process to hire consultant initiated in September 2008

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- A document adopted by Council Ordinance that:
 - Establishes a vision to guide future development within the City and its ETJ
 - Contains the City Council's policies and plans for growth and development
 - Sets up an ongoing process to implement, review, and update the plan



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Key RFQ Requirements

- Create a plan that is consistent with the 10 elements identified by Charter
- *Creatively and actively engage all of Austin's citizens in development of the plan*
- Address current issues facing Austin
 - Population growth
 - Environmental protection
 - Neighborhoods
 - Mobility
 - Affordable housing
 - Sustainability / climate change
- Focus on plan implementation
- Achieve the above in a timely fashion

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Anticipated Plan Components

- Vision and Policy Framework
- City Charter Components

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RFQ Selection Process

- Standard RFQ Process
 - Phase I: Request for Qualifications Process and Scoring (COMPLETE)
 - Phase II: Panel interviews and Presentations (COMPLETE)
 - Phase III: Finalist Presentations to Council (February 12, 2009)
 - Phase IV: Council Award (Scheduled – February 26, 2009) – STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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RFQ Process Results to Date

- RFQ Released: September 30, 2008
- Proposals Received: 6
 - 5 evaluated, 1 team deemed non-compliant
- Short Listed for Interview Phase through Evaluation Process: 3
- Interview Results: 3 finalists
- Finalist Presentation to Council: Feb 12
- Award: PENDING (Scheduled – Feb 26)

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Finalists Presentations

- Random Order of Presentation:
 - HNTB Corporation
 - ACP Visioning + Planning
 - Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC
- 15 Minutes per presentation
- Q&A session with Council following
 - (3 minutes per answer, order rotates)

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Finalists Presentations to Cover

- Project team organization, team's project approach, and similar project experience
- Creative methods to engage the public
- Techniques to keep the project on schedule

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Finalists

- All finalists have vast experience providing comprehensive plan services
 - All are nationally recognized firms with substantial experience completing regional and city comprehensive plans
- Strong teams of subconsultants have been proposed to effectively execute the work
 - Full complement of expertise to provide the breadth of technical knowledge that is required by the 10 City Charter Elements

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Finalist Presentations

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Questions


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RFQ – Citizen Input

- “Meet and Greet” reception with finalists in City Hall Atrium on February 12th
- Public comments will be compiled and provided to Council prior to February 26th Meeting
- Web site:
www.ci.austin.tx.us/zoning/com_plan.htm
- Email: mark.walters@ci.austin.tx.us

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Project Schedule – Key Milestones

- Consultant team selected - February, 2009
- Public Kickoff – Late Spring 2009
- Draft Vision and Policy Framework plan available for public review by end of 2009
- Vision and Policy Framework Component approved by Spring 2010
- Draft Plan available for public review by Spring 2011
- Adoption draft complete by Summer 2011
- Plan adopted – before the end of 2011

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