

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City Council has selected Wallace, Roberts, and Todd (WRT) to assist the City of Austin and the greater Austin community to create a new Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, community engagement in civic affairs is a longstanding community value; and

WHEREAS, wide-ranging and quality community involvement has been identified as an important element of the Comprehensive Plan planning process; and

WHEREAS, WRT recommended the formation of a Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force in their February 12, 2009 presentation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, through public forums, Planning Commission Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings, and other public venues the community has expressed a desire for the creation of a Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended the formation of a fourteen to twenty-four member Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. A Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force (“Task Force”) is created which shall:

- a) work with the consultant team and City staff to help all members of the community articulate the common values that will guide Austin into the future;
- b) champion the planning process as an ongoing venue for reaching out to Austin and bringing its many perspectives together where they can amicably engage one another;
- c) assess how well all parts of the community are participating;
- d) provide community contact to bring concerns about the plan direction and content to the consultant team and City staff; and
- e) collaborate with the consultant team and City staff in assessing common ground based on community input.

2. The Task Force shall:

- a) consist of 14 to 24 members who either live, own property, own a business, or work within the corporate limits of the City or its extraterritorial jurisdiction;
- b) include representatives of a diverse group of community interests; and
- c) be recommended by the Council's Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee and appointed by Council.

3. Each appointed member of the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force shall complete ethics training as provided by City staff.
4. A quorum for the conduct of business is a majority of its appointed members.
5. The Task Force has the authority to create subcommittees that include members of the public not appointed by Council to study and analyze specific technical elements arising through the planning process.
6. The Task Force shall be dissolved on the earlier of 35 months from the effective date of this resolution or on the date that Council adopts a new Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall provide necessary resources and technical assistance to the Task Force.

ADOPTED:_____, 2009 **ATTEST:**_____

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City Clerk