

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2012

Subcommittee Members: Council Member Sheryl Cole, Chair
Council Member Laura Morrison
Council Member Chris Riley

Call Meeting to Order

1. Citizen Communication

Steve Swamson applauded what he has read in the Imagine Austin Plan and was convinced by the planners this is a unique plan. This plan focus on leadership and everyone is involved and actually monitoring the regulations on a regular basis. In reading the plan, he wanted to offer a recommendation for implantation of the work plans – step by step action language on page 197. This would allow everyone within the community to know what we are actually taking out and implementing. This would connect the community and stakeholders and allows progress in each program to be regularly monitored and evaluated to learn from experience and ensure effective use of community resources.

Frank Herron is in support of Imagine Austin as long as there is no significant change of the current draft plan and to thank the Comprehensive Planning and Transportation Committee for all of their time and effort.

2. Approval of June 4, 2012 minutes

Approved by a vote of 2 – 0

3. Staff Update on Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan

Garner Stoll, Planning and Development Review Department (PDRD), discuss a brief staff update regarding the Imagine Austin Plan. Staff questioned if the Comprehensive Planning & Transportation (CPT) would like to see the entire adopted draft when that occurs? Bringing this to the CPT committee in August to review to make sure it is indeed as Council approved it. Also, bringing the metrics and indicators process for review. They are inclusive and a lot of information following the outline of the vision and metrics associated with each of the priority programs. Internally staff has begun a conversation with the Sustainability Office, Capital Planning Office

and the Budget Office about indicators that the city is already using and how we can zero in on the indicators that would be the most useful. Organizing internally and externally discussions and looking forward to the Committee's discussion on this for implementation. Also, outlining of the annual report of when it will be most useful. The response we received was for October 1st when the new budget will start. This is only a discussion at this point but was considering creating an outline for the annual report.

Greg Guernsey, Director, PDRD, stated the different departments will be in our business plan cycle and arising issues around November to set in December. This would be a good time to start working on the following year's budget and discuss a horizon issues that may come up in the next couple of years going out to maybe five years. That's why the October timeframe would kind of give staff direction during this regular budget cycle.

Garner Stoll state, with regards to Mr. Swanson language it was pointed out the one to three year short term steps was good. But didn't constitute a detail step by step plan that is needed to proceed with each of the priority programs, and we don't see a problem with adding that to the plan.

Council Member Morrison, asked what was the initial recommendation for the October plan?

Garner Stoll, stated he was not sure if we have reached a recommendation it was more of a discussion with the Budget Office. But, the question there was how would it be most useful to the Budget process and they stated they start with the process when the past budget is adopted. So the sooner the better.

Council Member Morrison, stated this item was postponed until June 14th due to so many other items on the agenda in May.

Garner Stoll, stated they have been talking with the City Attorney's office and have invited them to read the Charter language of the three sentences that pertain to the issue.

Council Member Morrison asked if Council could adopt this plan on all three readings on June 14th?

Garner Stoll, stated yes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.