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Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #33 Minutes

June 3, 2015 at 4:00 pm
Terrazas Branch Library
1105 East Cesar Chavez, Austin, Texas 78702

Members in attendance: Jim Duncan, Jeff Jack, Will Herring, Dave Sullivan, Melissa Neslund, Stephen Oliver, Nuria Zaragoza, Beverly Silas, Mandy De Mayo, Stephen Delgado.

Members Absent: Brian Reis.

Meeting Objective: Introduction to new staff on CodeNEXT Team and update on project schedule. The Advisory Group may vote on a recommendation on any agenda item.

1. Approval of Minutes: with one correction on meeting minutes from April 20, meeting minutes from both April 6 and April 20 were approved on consensus.
2. Introduction to new staff team: Matthew Lewis (Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning Department) introduces new staff team. Discussion included a list of departments represented on new core team, and announcements of upcoming public events.
3. Update on Phase 2 work scope and schedule: Discussion included change in timeline; public draft to come out in the summer of 2016 and code adoption now pushed to 2017; involvement of Advisory Group members in the process of selecting potential areas for code workshop; institutional knowledge transfer based on the transition from prior staff team to new staff team.
4. Update on Council items regarding expansion of advisory group and alternative approaches: The affirmation of the Approach Alternative and Annotated Outlines document will return to City Council's Planning and Neighborhoods Committee on June 15 in hopes of receiving approval to move forward with Approach "2.5", the selection of Approach 2 with amendments by the previous City Council. Discussion included that the Planning and Neighborhoods Committee agreed to change the composition of the Code Advisory Group membership. Immediate appointments will be made to fill currently unrepresented districts, and new appointments would be made at the end of September 2015 in order to achieve representation of all districts, appointed by current Council members.
5. Update on Green Infrastructure Working Group: Matt Hollon of the Watershed Protection Department reported on progress underway with the Green Infrastructure Working Group. Discussion included individual meeting topics and the future meeting to integrate all topics addressed from January through June.

6. Update on code amendment related to accessory dwelling units: Report on approved changes made to regulations regarding accessory dwelling units. See meeting backup material for handout.
7. Standing Items:
 - a) Discuss structure and organization of Advisory Group: discussion included how changes in September would take place; advisory group members decided to write a resolution to City Council suggesting that they retain as many current advisory group members as possible.
 - b) Discuss work product type and goals for Advisory Group: none
 - c) Update from members on their outreach activities: none
 - d) Report from Working Group on Envision Tomorrow: none
 - e) Agenda items to consider for next meeting: Discussion of how areas will be selected for fall workshop, and how working group recommendations will be incorporated in the creation of the draft code.
8. Public Comment: Inquiry about infrastructure information to be sent to the advisory group; if there will be a cleanup and organized copy of the current code; suggestion that advisory group meetings be videotaped; suggestion that public speakers introduce themselves and any group they are representing; concern about moving forward with density at all cost; the role of the advisory group is in integral in shaping the outcome of the future code workshop; hope for understanding of how the Green Infrastructure Working Group and Imagine Austin and CodeNEXT fit together; neighborhoods are also part of the experience and expertise that should be considered when making new advisory group member appointments; urban watersheds are very important; accessory dwelling units are the most affordable houses offered in a neighborhood for new housing.
9. CodeNEXT Team response to public comment: Staff will look into the progress of infrastructure information; there will be several ways to engage the community moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm