



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning and Neighborhoods Committee

Date: September 21, 2015

Agenda Item #: 4

Discussion and possible recommendation of CodeNEXT Land Development Code Advisory Group nominee.

Vote

Committee voted to recommend to the full Council nominee Dave Sullivan on 3-1 vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Tovo abstaining.

Sponsors/Department:

Summary of Discussion

Council Member Casar asked the committee if a nomination should be made today or at the next Committee meeting.

Council Member Gallo stated due to the concerns of this committee not meeting until next month. This committee should attempt to make a nomination today.

Council Member Rentria stated all of these appointments are really good, but have known Dave Sullivan for a long time.

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo stated we have a lot of strong candidates to choose among and would prefer to take a little more time to review the nominees and discuss next month, but if it is the will of the group to move forward she probably will abstain from the particular motion on the floor. This is certainly not out of any lack of confidence in Dave Sullivan, serving with him on the Planning Commission. I certainly have a lot of respect for his view points. With that being said, I feel there are other strong candidates that have been introduced here today.

Council Member Casar supports the motion of Dave Sullivan. There are quite a range of opinions on the Council Advisory Group. There are all types of voices and different interpretation of Imagine Austin are warranted and when the full Council makes appointments to the various committees we will have a pretty broad variety of people, but having the Chair returned would be an important element.

Public Comments

Eric Goff: passed.

David King: urged the Committee to reappoint Jeff Jack, Jim Dunan and Nuria Zaragoza. They have the experience from the beginning regarding the Code Advisory Group and from a neighborhood perspective they understand their neighborhood concerns and issues.

Roger Cauvin: serve on the board of the Downtown Neighborhood Association and previously served on the Imagine Austin Task Force for the Comprehensive Plan and the current President of the Friends of Austin Neighborhoods. Spoke on what appears on every single agenda of the Neighborhood Advisory Group and urged the Committee to support Dave Sullivan.

David Whitworth: whole heartily support Dave Sullivan. He understands the greater good of the city.

Direction

Council Member Gallo nominated Dave Sullivan which is the current chair. Moved by Council Member Gallo and seconded by Council Member Renteria.

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo, brought forth 3 suggestions to consider, nominating 3 current Code Advisory Group members: Nuria Zaragoza, Jeff Jack and Jim Duncan.

Recommendation: Committee voted to recommend to the full Council nominee Dave Sullivan on 3-1 vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Tovo abstaining.