



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016

Zoning and Platting Commission

The purpose and mission of the Zoning and Platting Commission is to perform duties relating to land use and development prescribed by Title 25 of the City Code, and other duties as may be assigned by the City Council.

- 1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**
 - The Zoning and Planning Commission (ZAP) transitioned in 2015 from a seven to an eleven member body with the advent of the 10-1 City Council system approved by the City of Austin voters. A ZAP emerged representing all portions of our city.
 - ZAP obtained representation and began work on Joint Council Committees with the Planning Commission, including the Codes & Ordinance Committee, Comprehensive Planning Committee, and the Small Area Planning Committee. This broadens inclusion to Commissioners who hear zoning and platting areas representing unplanned areas (70%) of Austin.
 - ZAP sought out and received numerous briefings on technical matters on which it hears cases. City staff experts in zoning, comprehensive planning, environmental protection, floodplain management, traffic analysis facilitated the depth and understanding of Commissioners on the scope and nature of staff reviews and standards applicable to matters before ZAP.

- Two resolutions were adopted by ZAP, attached, relating to CodeNext and Mobility.
- Two other proactive actions were taken by ZAP, to provide a memorandum to City Council regarding the existing state of Pearce Lane and to request a staff report on localized flooding on Pegram Avenue.

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

The actions of ZAP comply with the mission statement and no non-compliance issue is identified.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

The following are goals and objectives:

- Update ZAP rules and procedures to make public comment at hearings more effective
- Become a resource and give input on the issues of mobility and CodeNext
- Identify drainage and transportation infrastructure improvements needed in areas of Austin where development patterns and trends are overtaxing or burdening existing conditions and communicate those matters to staff and City Council

RESOLUTION

by the Zoning and Platting Commission
Regarding the rewrite of the Austin City Code

WHEREAS, the citizens of Austin and the Land Use Commissions play an integral role in the review process of the Code rewrite.

WHEREAS, the Zoning and Platting Commission supports a public and transparent process to the Code rewrite.

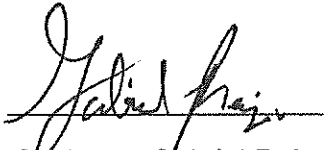
WHEREAS, the Zoning and Platting Commission encourages that information be provided to the public in incremental amounts for a thorough and informed review;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ZONING AND PLATTING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The Zoning and Platting Commission requests the City of Austin Staff and consultant Opticos, relative to the Code rewrite and CodeNEXT, furnish the Zoning and Platting Commission any and all draft rewrite language on an ongoing continuous basis in legislative format and manner that is a comparative and trackable representation of the old Code versus new Code.

ADOPTED by affirmative vote on April 5, 2016

ATTEST


Chairman Gabriel Rojas

A Resolution of the City of Austin Zoning & Platting Commission

WHEREAS Mayor Steve Adler has declared 2016 the Year of Mobility;

WHEREAS a lack of adequate infrastructure to meet the demands of unprecedented urban growth makes mobility among the highest issues of concern to residents throughout Austin;

WHEREAS City Council has initiated the Mobility Talks public input process to garner ideas from this and other Boards and Commissions for easing congestion and improving mobility, including through a 2016 mobility bond;

WHEREAS the Urban Transportation Commission has passed a resolution calling for funding the bicycle master plan, high priority sidewalks, and corridor plans that increase opportunities for high capacity transit, including consideration of rail;

WHEREAS investment in meaningful alternatives to single-occupancy car trips, including bicycling, walking and public transit, is an efficient and proven way to reduce congestion and provide affordable means of transportation;

WHEREAS the Bicycle Master Plan, now including the Urban Trail Master Plan, have undergone extensive public input, planning, and will remove an estimated 20,000 car trips from the Central Business District every day;

WHEREAS the Sidewalk Master Plan and constructing sidewalks to schools and transit stops will help Austin achieve its Vision Zero street safety goals to eliminate traffic-related deaths;

WHEREAS the 2014 Strategic Mobility Plan identifies dedicated transit ways that must fully embrace an integrated, multi-modal system in order to meet the needs of a growing, highly urbanized region;

WHEREAS the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan includes a land use and transportation policy setting forth development of "intermediate transit solutions that allow the City to reach the ultimate goal of a complete transit network over the long-term;

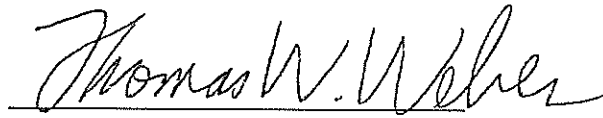
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Zoning and Platting Commission urges the City Council to pursue a 2016 Mobility Bond that addresses as priorities the City of Austin Regional Mobility, Corridor Mobility, and Local Mobility Needs using selection criteria that emphasizes projects that:

work in concert with adopted and future land use plans;

involve partnerships between City of Austin and other funding agencies; and
result from inter-departmental coordination and identification in the Long-Range
Capital Improvement Program Strategic Plan.

Approved:

City of Austin Zoning & Platting Commission on May 17, 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas W. Weber". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chair