



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020

Planning Commission

(Official Name of Board or Commission)

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code):

- (1) Review and make recommendations to the council regarding the adoption and implementation of a comprehensive plan (as defined by section 5 of this article) or element or portion thereof prepared under authorization of the city council and under the direction of the city manager and responsible city planning staff;
- (2) After a comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof has been adopted in conformity with this article:
 - (a) Review and make recommendation to the council on all amendments to the comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof;
 - (b) Review and make recommendations to the council on all proposals to adopt or amend land development regulations for the purpose of establishing the relationship of such proposal to, and its consistency with, the adopted comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof. For purposes of this article and subsection, "land development regulations" includes zoning, subdivision, building and construction, environmental, and other police power regulations controlling, regulating, or affecting the use or development of land;
- (3) Pursuant to ordinances adopted by the council, exercise control over platting and subdividing land within the corporate limits and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city to insure the consistency of any such plats or subdivision with the adopted comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof;

(4) Submit annually to the city manager, not less than 90 days prior to the beginning of the budget year, a list of recommended capital improvements, which in the opinion of the commission are necessary or desirable to implement the adopted comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof during the forthcoming five-year period;

(5) Monitor and oversee the effectiveness and status of the comprehensive plan and recommend annually to the council any changes in or amendments to the comprehensive plan as may be desired or required;

(6) Prepare periodic evaluation and appraisal reports on the comprehensive plan, which shall be sent to the council at least once every five years after the adoption of the comprehensive plan or element or portion thereof;

(7) Require information from the city manager relative to its work;

The commission shall be responsible to and act as an advisory body to the council and shall perform such additional duties and exercise such additional powers as may be prescribed by ordinance of the council not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

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.

(Reference all reports, recommendations, letters or resolutions presented to the City Council on mission-specific issues. If some of the elements of the mission statement were not acted on by the board in the past year, the report should explain why no action was taken.)

Highlight - LDC Revision Amendments (November 26, 2019)

The Planning Commission (PC) formed several working groups to propose amendments to the draft land development code (LDC) and zoning maps for consideration by the entire commission. Working groups covered the following topics: Affordability, Transition Zones, Downtown Zones, Process and Administrative Procedures, Residential Zones, and Non-Residential Zones. On October 14, 2019, PC held a workshop where the public was invited to provide input to working groups. The Public Hearing on October 26, 2019 followed. During four specially called meetings concluding on November 11, 2019, the PC voted on a total of 40 amendments most of which passed with 10 or more votes.

Recommendations and Code Amendments:

- Downtown Density Bonus Map and Table to correct a mapping discrepancy (July 9, 2019)
- Prohibiting residential uses in the Airport Overlay's AO3 Zone (July 23, 2019)
- Creation of the Austin Green Improvement District No. 1 (July 23rd)

- Code Amendment regarding CS District Properties Within Opportunity Zones (August 13, 2019)
- Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative Pedestrian Advisory Council Recommendations (September 10, 2019)
- Parks and Recreation Department Long Range Plan (September 24, 2019)
- Atlas 14 (September 24, 2019)
- Water Control and Improvement District No. 10 (October 8, 2019)
- Imagine Austin / Downtown Austin Plan Amendments (February 25, 2019)
- Recommendation to amend the Downtown Austin Plan - Northwest District (March 10, 2020)

Planning Commission Participation on Joint Committees and Boards:

Planning Commission members served on the following Joint Committees and Boards.

- *Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee*- Vice Chair Kenny, Commissioners Anderson, Azhar, Kenny, and Seeger
- *Comprehensive Plan Joint Committee*- Chair Kazi, Commissioners Flores, Llanes Pulido, and Shaw
- *Joint Sustainability Committee* – Commissioners Schneider and Seeger (secondary)
- *Small Area Planning Joint Committee* – Commissioners Hempel, Howard, Thompson, and Shieh
- *South Central Waterfront Advisory Board*- Commissioner Anderson

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

All actions by the commission throughout the year complied with the mission statement.

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

(Make sure the goals and objectives fall within the mission statement of the board/commission.)

- Recommendations for industrial land use and zoning based on Planning and Zoning Department’s report *Analysis of Industrial Land Use and Zoning in Austin, Texas*
- Develop metrics for effectiveness of our work as a body.
- Review Imagine Austin Annual Report and recommend changes to improve effectiveness.
- Monitor and oversee the effectiveness and status of the comprehensive plan and recommend changes to the City Council.
- Submit Bi-annual Review and Transmittal of the Long-Range Capital Improvement Program Strategic Plan.
- Review and provide recommended improvements to drafts of updated Technical Criteria Manuals.

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- Monitor City's progress in meeting Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint objectives and recommend code changes to advance Austin's housing goals.
- Formed Mobility and Transportation Working Group which will work with Urban Transportation Commission, Pedestrian Advisory Council, and Bicycle Advisory Council to review and make recommendations to revised Transportation Criteria Manual and meet objectives of Austin Strategic Mobility Plan.