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Land Development Code Advisory Group Meeting #25 Minutes

November 17, 2014 at 4:00 pm
One Texas Center, Room 325
505 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78702

Members in attendance: Jim Duncan, Stephen Delgado, Jeff Jack, Will Herring, Dave Sullivan, Beverly Silas, Mandy De Mayo, Brian Reis, Stephen Oliver.

Members Absent: Melissa Neslund.

Meeting Objective: Discuss resolution on Approach Alternatives, and concept of working groups. The Advisory Group may vote on a resolution on any agenda item.

1. Approval of Minutes: minutes from October 20 meeting adopted by consensus.
2. Resolution on Approach Alternatives: CAG Chair Dave Sullivan and Mandy De Mayo introduced a resolution to emphasize the importance of City Council selecting an approach on November 20. Discussion included the value of selecting an approach and the work that the CodeNEXT Team can do before the new City Council is asked to reaffirm the selected approach in the spring of 2015. A few edits were made to the resolution and it was approved 9-0 (attached).
3. Review concept of working groups: George Zapalac made a short presentation recommending the formation of working groups to provide for in-depth discussion of key issues between January and April 2015. Discussion included: purpose of working groups, composition, process and potential topics. Advisory Group members will fill out a document to narrow down who is interested in serving on which working groups, and will bring back any additional topics to suggest and discuss at the December CAG meeting.
4. Standing Items:
 - a. Discuss structure and organization of Advisory Group
 - Consider selecting an individual to fill a vacancy: In a runoff vote, advisory group members nominated Katherine Avalos Nicely to join them on the CAG by a vote of 5-4. The nomination must be approved by City Council.
 - b. Discuss work product type and goals for Advisory Group: Neighborhood plan resolution to be discussed at December CAG meeting.
 - c. Update from members on their outreach activities: none

- d. Report from Working Group on Envision Tomorrow: Discussion included expectations of what the Envision Tomorrow tool will and will not do; results will be presented at December meeting. It was also mentioned that HousingWorks Austin is sponsoring two presentations on household affordability on December 1-2 by BBC Research & Consulting, who prepared the 2014 Comprehensive Housing Market Study.
 - e. Agenda items to consider for next meeting (December 15):
 - Resolution on neighborhood plans
 - Presentation on Envision Tomorrow
 - Discussion on working groups
 - Presentation by Melissa Neslund on iconic Austin sites
5. Public Comment: Thanks and appreciation for the work done and for service on the advisory group; affordability needs to be talked about in the broader sense, beyond density bonuses. Relationship to transit needs to be taken into account because of its impacts on household affordability; announcement that the Imagine Austin Speaker Series – Integrating Nature into the City will be on December 10 at the UT Thompson Conference Center; concern for picking an approach without knowing the basic facts; stakeholders need to be involved in the process in a meaningful way where their word carries the same weight as the consultants and professionals.
6. CodeNEXT Team response to public comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm