



# Working Group Orientation

January 16, 2015

# Today's Agenda

- Introductions
- Overview of purpose, work to date, topics and expectations
- The Adventure and Values exercise
- Overview of process, schedule and materials
- Questions/Discussion

# Purpose of Working Groups

Provide a set of recommendations on Working Group topics for consideration by the full Code Advisory Group and the CodeNEXT consulting team



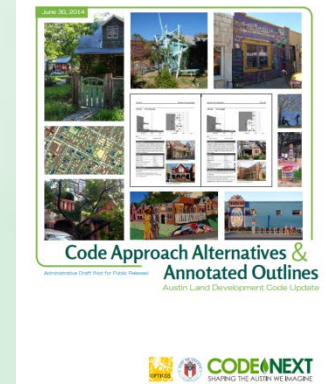
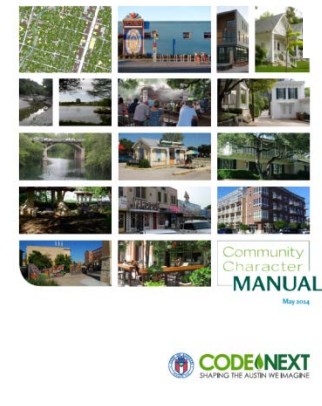
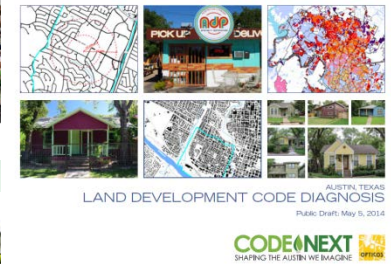
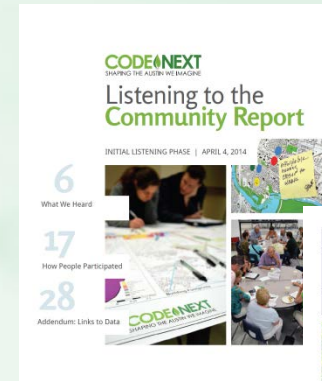
# Imagine Austin & CodeNEXT Work to Date

- Oct 2009 - Council initiates Imagine Austin process
- June 2012 – Imagine Austin adopted by Council
- Oct 2012 – Council briefed on proposed process to revise Land Development Code
- Jan-Feb 2013 – Code Advisory Group appointed
- Mar 2013 – Opticos Design selected by Council



# Imagine Austin and CodeNEXT Work to Date

- July 2013 – CodeNEXT project kick-off
- Sept 2013 – Apr 2014 - Listening & Understanding phase
- Apr 2014 - Listening to the Community Report
- May 2014 – Code Diagnosis & Community Character Manual
- Sept 2014 – Approach Alternatives
- Nov 2014 – Council selection of Approach 2, with amendments



# Working Group topics

- Code Issues for Affordability
- Infill, Compatibility, Missing Middle
- Obstacles for Small Businesses

*Topics were reviewed with and refined by Code Advisory Group*





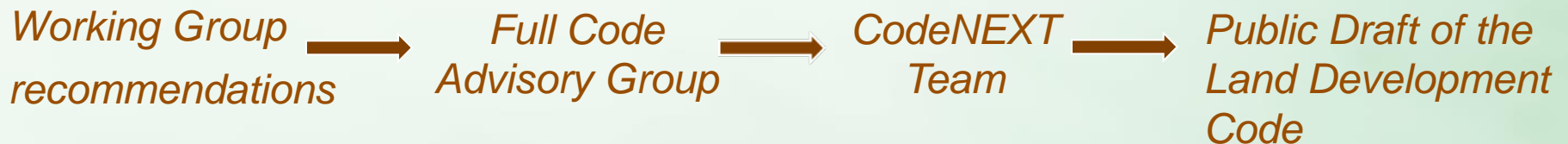
# Expectations

## Working groups are:

- *A topic specific, productive and temporary adventure*
- *An opportunity to establish a productive dialogue on important community issues*

## Working groups are not:

- *General input sessions*
- *Discussions on every hot topic*
- *Writing the Land Development Code*



# 5 Elements of Adventure

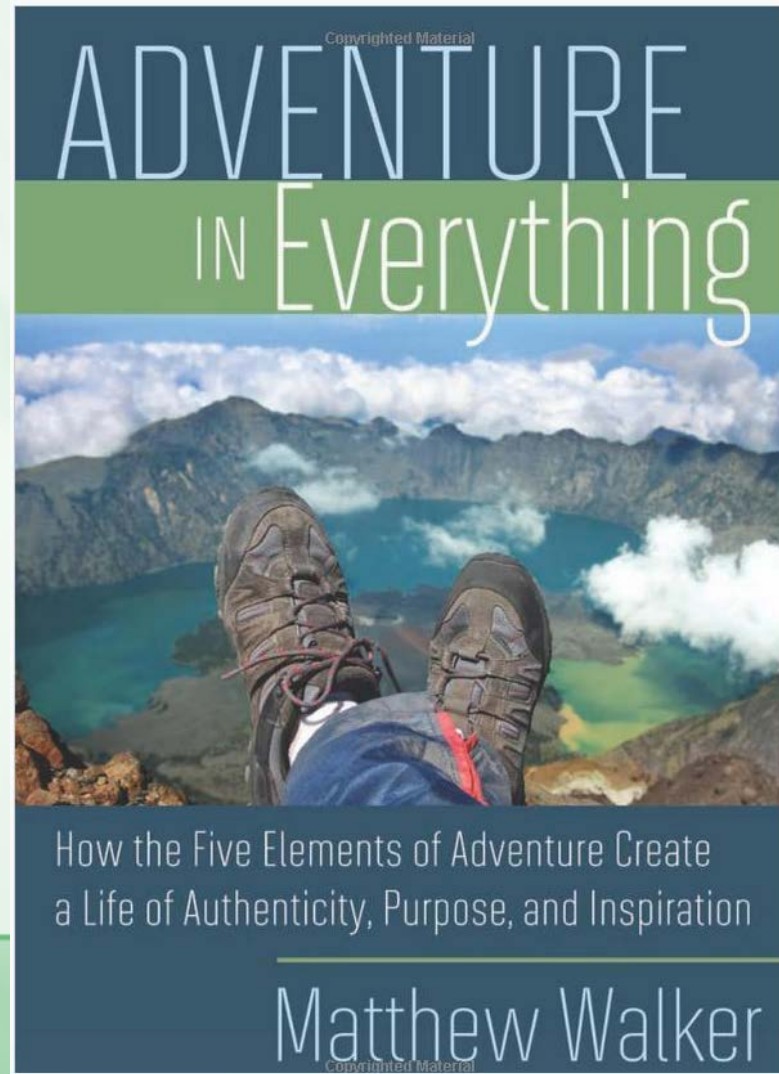
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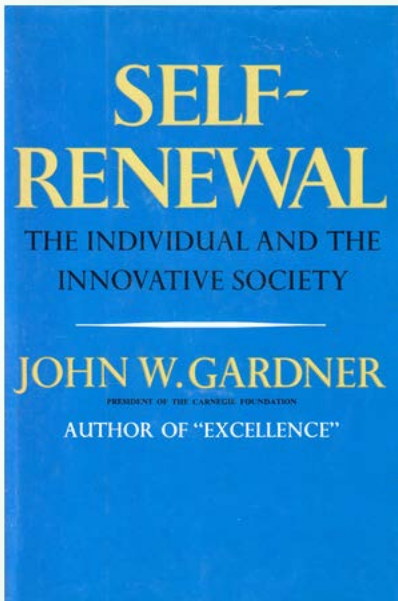
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# Values



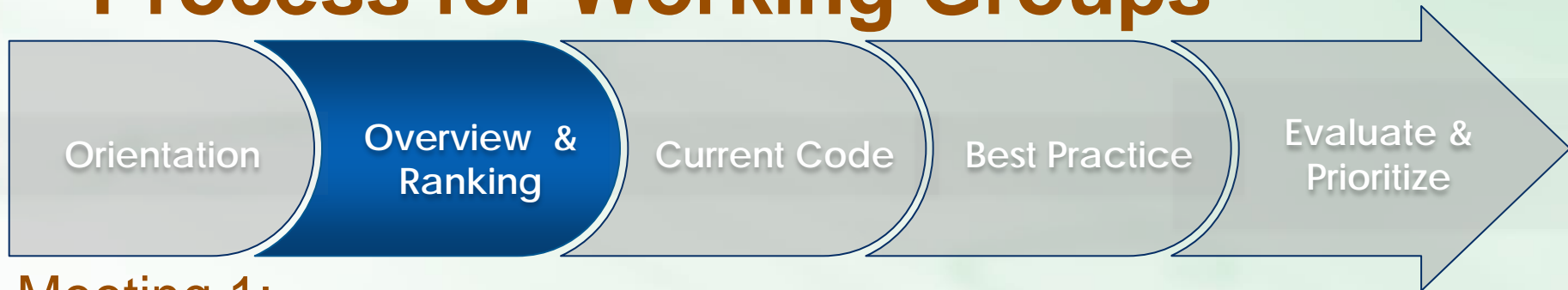
Renewal is not just innovation and change. It is also **the process of bringing the results of change into line with our purposes.**

Particularly important to a society's continuity are its long-term purposes and values. These purposes and values also evolve in the long run; but by being relatively durable, **they enable a society to absorb change without losing its distinctive character and style.**

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## Meeting 1:

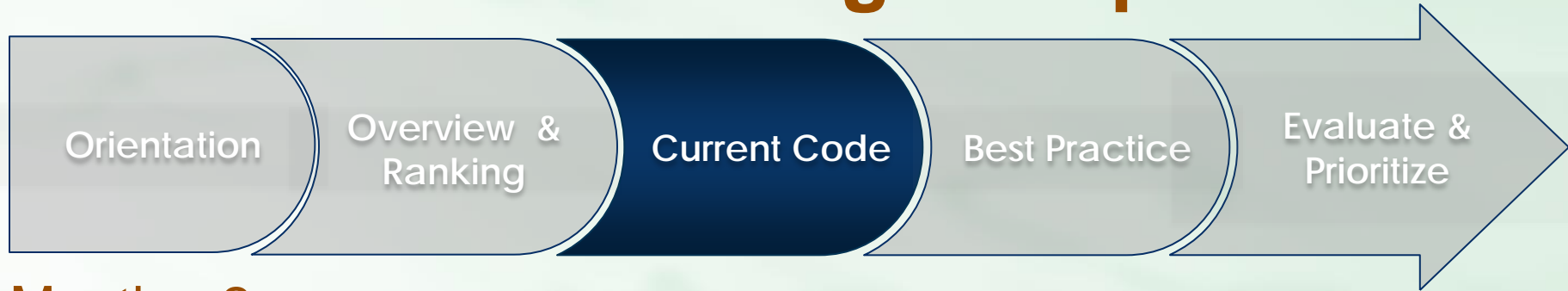
- Overview of Imagine Austin
- Review and Ranking (High/Low) of Imagine Austin (IA) Actions Related to Topic

## Goal:

- Understanding of IA Process and Plan
- Preliminary Ranking of IA Actions Related to Topic

Homework: Review Actions related to your topic

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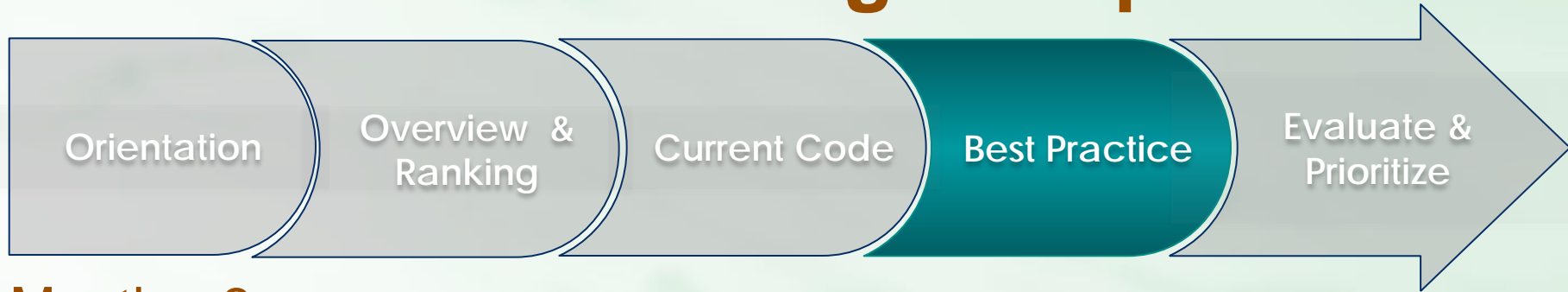
## Meeting 2:

- Overview of Current Code Related to Topic
- Discussion of Barriers to Implementing IA Actions

## Goal:

- Improved Understanding of Current Code and Potential Barriers

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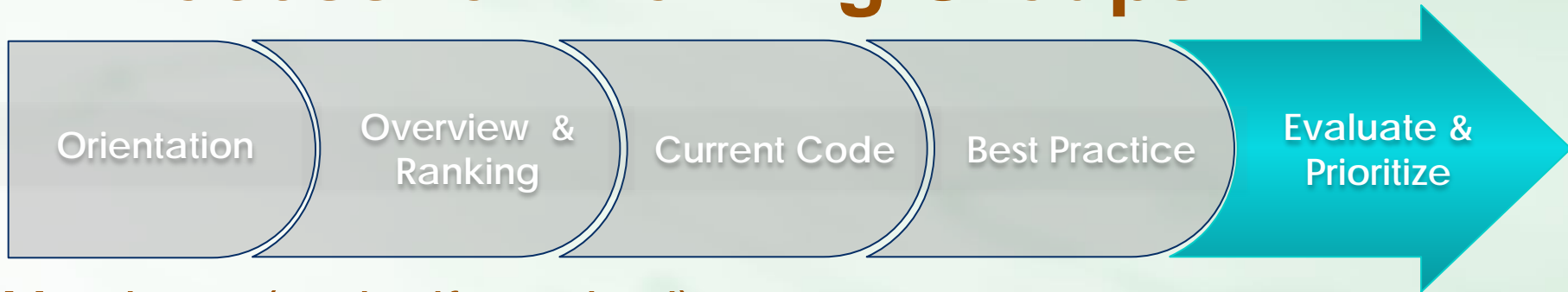
## Meeting 3:

- Overview of Best Practice for Topic
- Discussion of Tradeoffs in Implementing IA Actions and Applicability to Austin

## Goal:

- Improved Understanding of Best Practice and Potential Tradeoffs

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Meeting 4 (and 5 if required):

- Discussion, Evaluation and Prioritization of Tools to Implement High Priority IA Actions
- Identify linkages to other topics

Goal:

- Recommendations for Tools to Implement High Priority IA Actions




# January 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Working Group Orientation	17
18	19 MLK Jr. Day	20 Code issues for Affordability(3:30p- 5:00p)	21	22 Infill, compatibility and missing middle housing (3:30p- 5:30p)	23	24
25	26 Obstacles for small business (10:00a- 12:00p)	27	28	29	30 Green Infrastructure Working group (12:30p- 2:00p)	31

# February 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Code issues for affordability (3:30p- 5:00p)	3	4	5	6 Infill, compatibility and missing middle housing (3:00p-5:00p)	7
8	9 Obstacles for small business (3:00p – 5:00p)	10	11	12	13 Code issues for affordability (3:00p- 5:00p)	14
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# March 2015

 = Spring Break

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Obstacles for small business (3:30p-5:00p)	3 Code issues for affordability (3:30p-5:00p)	4	5	6 Infill, compatibility and missing middle housing (3:00p-5:00p)	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
						
22	23 Review working group Recommendations with full CAG	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# Working Group Membership

Code Issues for Affordability		Infill, Compatibility and Missing Middle		Obstacles for small business	
Mandy De Mayo	CAG	Mandy De Mayo	CAG	Stephen Delgado	CAG
Jeff Jack	CAG	Will Herring	CAG	Will Herring	CAG
Dave Sullivan	CAG	Jeff Jack	CAG	Melissa Neslund	CAG
Patricia Seeger	ZAP	Stephen Oliver	PC, CAG	Beverly Silas	CAG
Angelica Noyola	CDC	Beverly Silas	CAG	Dave Sullivan	CAG
Lesley Varghese	PC	Nuria Zaragoza	PC		
		Bart Whatley	DC		
George Adams (PDR lead)	PDR	George Zapalac (PDR lead)	PDR	Matt Dugan (PDR lead)	PDR

# Working Group Materials

Review packet of materials for Group members to include:

- Working groups schedule and membership
- Imagine Austin Actions
  - Working Group Topics
  - Other
- Bloomfire (<https://codenext.bloomfire.com/>)
  - Listening to the Community Report
  - Code Diagnosis
  - Community Character Manual
  - Issue Papers and Community Viewpoints



# Opportunities to participate:

## Public Participation opportunities:

- Public Comment at each meeting
- SpeakUp Austin

## Can't attend a meeting? Stay up to date with:

- CodeNEWS
- CodeNEXT Blog
- Working Groups webpage on our website
- Audio recorded meetings



# Summary of Process for Working Groups

- Rank Imagine Austin Actions
- Identify Barriers to Implementation
- Identify Tradeoffs in Implementation
- **Recommend Tools for Implementation and Identify Linkages to other Topics**





**Questions/Discussion**