

MINUTES
AUSTIN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016
5:30 P.M.
AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Bremner, Laura Helle, Steve Kime, Jay Lutz, Jim Mino, Greg Siems, and Aaron Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: Troy Nelson and Lynn Spainhower

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Byram, Holly Wallace and public

Commissioner Kime called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Mino made a motion to approve the October 11, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Lutz seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: To consider the adoption of the proposed 2016 Comprehensive Plan by the City of Austin, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §462.355 providing a detailed strategy for future development of the City of Austin.

Ms. Wallace indicated Bob Kost from SEH has been working on the Comprehensive Plan for about one year. He has been a community planner for 30 years, landscape architect, and is LEED certified.

Mr. Kost started by discussing the Table of Contents, Acknowledgements and Vision of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. He continued with the Community Vision Chapters and how the Downtown Master Plan has been implemented throughout this plan. Many others were involved in the development including the Technical Advisory Committee, made up of city and county staff, and the Citizen Advisory Committee, made up of Austin residents. Each committee met on a monthly basis until the end of the development stage; at that time, they came together as one group. To receive input from other diversified groups, the Welcome Center, high school students, housing committee, and Sustainability Task Force were also involved. The plan was built around SMART Growth Principles.

Commissioner Siems made a motion to recommend adoption to the city council of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan pending edits, suggestions and the following modifications. Change Commercial to Commercial/Retail. In Implementation Action Items under Parks and Open Spaces, add study/expand park and recreation facilities to meet the needs of all community members.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Mino made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bremner seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.