



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Citizens Advisory Task Force Meeting #1

October 14, 2009

Austin Parks and Recreation Department (Board Room)
200 S. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704

MINUTES

Task Force members in attendance:

Allen Weeks
Cookie Ruiz
Donna Tiemann
Evan Taniguchi
Frances Ferguson
Frances McIntyre
Greg Esparza
John Langmore
Jonathan Ogren
Kent Collins
Lawrence Gross
Lori Renteria

Margaret Cooper
Mari Hernandez
Mark Yznaga
Ora Houston
Perla Cavazos
Rebecca Melancon
Regina Rogoff
Rob D'Amico
Roberto Martinez
Roger Cauvin
Scooter Cheatham

Members of the public in attendance:

Beky Hayes
Dave Sullivan (Planning Commission)

Kathie Tovo (Planning Commission)

Members of staff in attendance:

Garner Stoll (PDR)
Carol Haywood (PDR)
Mark Walters (PDR)
Greg Claxton (PDR)

Matt Dugan (PDR)
Sheila Balog (HRD)
John Steiner (Integrity Office)

Members of consultant team in attendance:

Dave Rouse
John Fernsler
Amelia Sondgeroth

Task Force Chair Margaret Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. OLD BUSINESS

None, first meeting of task force.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. *Introductions*

b. *Presentation on ethics and four agreements (John Steiner, IO).*

- Be Impeccable With Your Word - Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.

- Don't Take Anything Personally - Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.

- Don't Make Assumptions - Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness, and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.

- Always Do Your Best - Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret.

c. *Sheila Balog (HRD) asked the task force what ground rules they wanted for their meetings, the answers were:*

- One person talks at a time

- Get to your point

- Be aware of the amount of time you are talking

- Wait to be recognized to speak

- Respect multiple viewpoints

- Use I statements

- Start and End on time

- Decision making methods on hold for now

d. *Presentation on comprehensive planning (Dave Rouse and John Fernsler, WRT).* Overview of comprehensive planning, the consultant team, the process, as well as task force expectations from the Council Resolution creating the task force.

e. *Outcomes and challenges exercise (Dave Rouse and John Fernsler, WRT).* John Fernsler asked each member 1. What ideal outcomes of the Comprehensive Plan can we imagine, and 2. What challenges must we overcome to achieve these outcomes. David Rouse recorded the answers and created a word cloud.

f. *Discussion of next steps.* Next two meetings were set for November 3 and December 8 at 6pm.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Matt Dugan (PDR) discussed the Community Forum Series #1: Issues and Aspirations public meetings, and asked task force members to sign up to be a facilitator at one of the six public meetings.

- b. Matt Dugan (PDR) asked, what can the task force do to get more people involved? and to bring answers to the next meeting.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Overview of city's past planning efforts.

ADJOURN

Chair Margaret Cooper adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan Citizens Advisory Task Force, please contact Matt Dugan, Planning and Development Review Department, 974-7665 or matthew.dugan@ci.austin.tx.us.