

CodeNEXT Co-Creation with Working Groups

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SUMMARY OF TOPICS

MEETING #2: CURRENT CODE AND BARRIERS 0 Answers · 0 Replies

Current Code and Barriers: We looked at how our current code addresses issues related to prioritized Imagine Austin actions from meeting #1, and how current regulations may be creating unintended barriers to achieving goals designated in Imagine Austin.

Having an understanding of where our current code may not be achieving desired outcomes illustrated in Imagine Austin, participants generated statements beginning with "how might we..." as a way to rethink difficult questions as opportunities.

code-related obstacles to affordability
infill, compatibility and missing middle
obstacles to small businesses

MEETING #3: BEST PRACTICES 1 Answers · 0 Replies

Best Practices: Participants heard presentations on best practices to inspire and identify ideas that have been used around the nation to address concepts and challenges brought to light in the list of "how might we" statements.

Groups continued to diverge on ideas regarding best practices and ideas potentially applicable to Austin. Having this groundwork laid, working group members then prioritized the list of "how might we..." statements. Here's some of their insights and best practices:

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· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Apr 14, 2015 2:06 pm

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MEETING #4: POTENTIAL TOOLS 0 Answers · 0 Replies

Potential Tools: Working group members discussed and connected best practices to relevant "how might we" statements. These connections were made to show CodeNEXT consultants an example of how challenges have been addressed elsewhere.

Exposure to different solutions leads to innovation and the opportunity for education and formulation of new solutions to similar challenges. Working groups also identified ideas, insights, and further questions regarding these connections:

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MEETING #1: HIGH/LOW IMPACT 1 Answers · 0 Replies

High/Low Impact: We started with the adopted Imagine Austin plan for Austin's future, and learned about actions in Imagine Austin related to implementation and respective working group topic. Working group members voted to prioritize actions based on potential for the highest impact related to working group topic.

This first step led groups to form "how might we" statements. Here's some of the insights the groups came up with:

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MEETING #5: RECOMMEND TOOLS 0 Answers · 0 Replies

Recommend Tools: Working group members and public participants continued and wrapped up discussion from the previous meeting. Participants identified ideas, insights and any further questions that they had for "how might we" statements and best practice connections, as well as created lists of suggested best practices not mentioned or discussed, and statements that were still important but had not heard a best practice on.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHARE HERE! 3 Answers · 0 Replies

Did we miss an important challenge? Is there a best practice you know of that was not mentioned? Share your comments and suggestions! These results will be brought back to the full Code Advisory Group and be incorporated with final recommendations provided to the consultant team re-writing the code.

· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Mar 31, 2015 5:53 pm

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I think we should strive for density that is both high on average, and high on variability -- that is, multi-story buildings, single-story buildings, and open spaces should all be in the mix, and in at least some places should be close to each other. We do not want "play deserts" with miles of buildings with no parks.

Also, I think we should be willing to mix uses -- put retail in the ground floor or two of residential or commercial buildings, put residential in commercial buildings, etc. I like having the possibility that a coffee shop owner might live upstairs or downstairs from his or her coffee shop. I like mother-in-law apartments over detached garages; I like shared driveways, perhaps even shared garages (could be one building with two entrances -- like row houses for cars).

I am also a big fan of the skybucket idea -- lower capital cost, more predictable travel times, and immune to traffic jams. Also provide a very cost-effective way of crossing barriers like rivers, lakes, and major highways.

· Citizen · (Postal Code: unknown) · Apr 06, 2015 1:07 pm

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This year, City of Austin will be planning land use along Burnet Rd and Anderson Ln. These are corridors with suburban land form that pass through demographically

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balanced communities (i.e. one of the few places in Austin's urban core that still works well for families). To achieve Imagine Austin goals, we need to look at ways to preserve that demographic balance. Also, we need to do several things to minimize car use along the corridor, so that the area still has effective transportation.

Missing middle housing offers the best tool to add density while not segregating out families. Most residents oppose that kind of housing. To win community buy-in, CodeNext and COA need to convincingly address multiple risks of that housing. A framework for doing so is laid out in the deck at the link below. Key elements are: 1) focusing public and community-serving space near the transit stations along Burnet, in particular "off the corridor" where it's safer and less stressful; 2) clear rules for where transition zones are appropriate (closer to transit, walkable nodes, other infrastructure) so that they don't encroach endlessly into single family cores; 3) a growth framework (village centers) that gets us closer to a housing mix that doesn't lock out families, and that puts the most residents in places to reduce car use; 4) much stronger code enforcement; 5) protection for vulnerable residents in growth zones subject to higher taxes from upzoning.

<https://docs.google.com/a/snaustin.org/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=c25hdXN0aW4ub3JnfHNuYXVzdGluLWV4dGVybmFsLXNpdGV8Z3g6MjFINzBkNWMxMmQ0YTg3ZQ>

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