

MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 20, 2003

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Thursday, the 20th day of March, 2003, the Commissioners' Court convened the special Voting Session at 9:13 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Ned Granger Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Melissa Velasquez.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 10:52 AM.

1.
 - A. DISCUSS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 82, TRAVIS COUNTY CODE, TO RESOLVE INCONSISTENCIES WITH CITY OF AUSTIN CODE AS REQUIRED BY HB 1445, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:13 AM)
 - B. DISCUSS MAJOR ISSUES REGARDING TRAVIS COUNTY AND CITY OF AUSTIN SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, ANY AMENDMENTS TO THOSE REGULATIONS, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Clerk's Note: Items 1.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR); Fred Dennick, Division Director, Planning and Engineering, TNR; Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney; Lisa Gordon, Assistant City Manager, City of Austin; Mike Heitz, Director, City of Austin Watershed Protection and Development Review Department; Pat Murphy, City of Austin Watershed Protection and Development Review Department; Alan Haywood, Real Estate Council of Austin; Ken Blaker, President, Homebuilders Association of Austin; George Zapalack, City of Austin; and David Lloyd, Assistant City of Austin Attorney.

ITEM 1 CONTINUED

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Staff's recommendation on Part A, with the understanding that County Staff and City Staff will work further on the "natural and traditional character" requirement, setting forth specific criteria; distributing a draft policy 5:00pm next Wednesday, March 26, 2003, involving stakeholders; and hopefully, reporting back to the Commissioners' Court as soon as possible, but no later than 2 ½ weeks from today, when the matter will be posted on the Court's Voting Session Agenda on Tuesday. And Option 1, under the transportation issue, and that is where the County stays with CAMPO (Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization), we negotiate with the City of Austin on specific City projects, try to reach agreement, then go to CAMPO, and get an appropriate amendment, and we will later discuss what we do in the event that we cannot reach agreement.

Maker and Second accept the Friendly Amendment by Commissioner Sonleitner that as to the park land dedication policy, that our recommendation is predicated on the City of Austin making the appropriate changes, so that we do not have double dipping on the fee.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Judge Biscoe and Commissioner Davis.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

