

Session 6: Development Oversight

Thursday | July 18, 9am – 2pm

Location: The Nest Nature School - Gathering Hall. 33 Herff Road, Boerne TX 78006.

The pace of growth in our region is undeniable. Unplanned sprawl and industrial projects can be a financial burden on the community and unsustainable for water resources. We'll explore local development oversight options including low-impact strategies, innovative development agreements, and model ordinances.

Session Goal: Get familiar with tools at both the city and county level that help Hill Country communities successfully integrate thoughtful development practices and ensure growth does not come at an unacceptable cost.

Agenda:

- 9:00 **Welcome.** Katherine Romans (HCA), Local elected officials (invited)
- 9:15 **Tools for guiding growth in Hill Country communities.** Matt Lewis (Simplecity Design)
- Matt will take us through effective and sometimes outside-the-box approaches to strategies counties and cities can use to achieve development fiscal responsibility and break the growth Ponzi scheme. We will also explore your community's codes - what's working well, what's missing the mark, and how to keep your community people-centric.
- 10:30 BREAK
- 10:45 **County Tools: Travis County Impervious Cover Regulations.** Tom Nuckols and Jon White (Travis County)
- This section will focus on what counties can do, given the limited nature of county tools in Texas. For more than 20 years, Travis County has regulated impervious cover and is currently looking for new ways to incentivize development that fits within its land, water, and transportation plan.
- 11:30 **The People Infrastructure: Building and maintaining support for community change.**
- This panel will explore how reflective community planning can encourage the kinds of development you want and discourage the ones you don't! We'll also cover successful strategies for heading off drama, leveraging city-county collaboration, and continuing community support beyond election cycles.
- Matt Lewis, Simplecity Design
 Mayor Rebeca Gibson, City of Bandera
- 12:00 BREAK FOR LUNCH

12:30 **Next Steps, Resources, and Discussion.** Katherine Romans (HCA)

Katherine will help us identify key actionable takeaways and principles that can serve our communities now and whenever we create or apply development codes locally.

1:00 **Nature in the heart of Boerne.** Carolyn Chipman Evans (Cibolo Center for Conservation)

Carolyn and her husband Brent founded the Nature Center at the Cibolo Center for Conservation more than thirty years ago. They will reflect on the local leadership, vision, and hard work that it takes to turn a nature center into the heart and soul of a community, and how elected officials can support and leverage volunteers in your own towns.

1:15 **Tour of the Nature School and the Cibolo Center for Conservation**

Upcoming Meeting Details

Virtual: August 8, 2024 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Thoughtful Economic Development & Community Support Systems

In-person: August 15, 2024 | 9:00am - 2:00pm | Affordability and Healthy Local Economies - Comfort