



REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD

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Dave Ziegler, Director

MINUTES

REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD Regular Meeting Thursday, April 13, 2006

The Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB) met in regular session in the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dwight Dortch at 2:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll, and Regional Planning Governing Board Members in attendance were: Dwight Dortch, Robert Larkin, Dave Aiazzi, Robert Cashell, Jim Galloway, Geno Martini and Ron Schmitt. Member Bonnie Weber arrived at 2:04 p.m. Members absent were: Mike Carrigan and Pierre Hascheff.

Also present were: Dave Ziegler, TMRPA Director; Norman Azevedo, Legal Counsel; Randy Baxley, TMRPA; Rosanna Coombes, TMRPA; Patricia Rogers, TMRPA; Lora Richards, TMRPA; and Joy Randall, TMRPA.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MEMBER AIAZZI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13, 2006, RPGB AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 9, 2006

MEMBER LARKIN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 9, 2006, MINUTES, SECONDED BY MEMBER AIAZZI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

[Member Weber arrived at 2:04 p.m.]

4. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Member Schmitt led the salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

- A. Status report on deliberations of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) regarding proposed amendments to the 2002 Truckee Meadows Regional Plan, including amendments submitted jointly by Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County pursuant to the settlement agreement in the Reno annexation matter (August 23, 2005)

Dave Ziegler, Director of Regional Planning, stated that the RPC directed Regional Planning staff to organize and schedule a workshop for the earliest possible date as directed by the RPGB. Yesterday evening the RPC received a letter from Mr. Hester, Mr. Freund, and Ms. Powell proposing some goals and policies to address the timing of conversion of future service area (FSA), issue of concurrency and natural resources. Mr. Ziegler reviewed a list of the things that need to fall in place to get this back in front of the RPGB.

Member Larkin asked if the RPC set a date for the workshop. Mr. Ziegler responded that the RPC directed Regional Planning staff to make the necessary arrangements to set it up.

Member Larkin asked if the options for the workshop date are April 27 through May 5. Mr. Ziegler responded that those are his words based on the fact that people are leaving for the National Planning Conference next week through April 26.

Member Larkin asked when the RPC staff report, draft resolution, public hearing, and determination would happen. Mr. Ziegler responded that they will occur as soon as practical upon conclusion of the workshop.

Member Larkin asked if the workshop is held on April 27, could the RPC then move their May meeting from May 10 to May 3 for their public hearing and determination. Mr. Ziegler responded no because of the ten day advertising requirement.

Member Larkin asked if placing the notice in the paper is contingent upon the workshop being complete. Mr. Ziegler responded that the placement of the notice in the newspaper is not contingent upon the workshop being complete.

Member Larkin asked if the RPGB could recommend to the RPC that their target date is May 3. Chair Dortch stated that the RPC could keep their meeting date on May 10.

Member Larkin asked if the RPC's ten day requirement needs to precede the ten day requirement for the RPGB public hearing. Mr. Ziegler responded that common practice on non-controversial amendments is that they are advertised at the same time. The advertisements are expensive. The problem is if there is a glitch at the RPC level and the public hearing at the RPGB level needs to be postponed, it would have to be re-advertised.

Chair Dortch asked if they can be in the same ad. Mr. Ziegler responded that they can but then you are assuming that the RPC will act on the amendments that the RPGB would act upon the next day.

Chair Dortch stated that there would be no additional expenditure if they don't. Mr. Ziegler responded urging the Chair to think of it from the perspective of a member of the public who is reading the ads and trying to figure out what is happening at the meetings.

Member Aiazzi asked if it would help to move the RPGB meeting from May 11 to May 18 so that Regional Planning staff has more time to prepare a report for the RPGB meeting.

Member Cashell asked Mr. Ziegler how many Regional Planning staff members are going to the National Planning Conference. Mr. Ziegler responded that no one from Regional Planning staff is going to the conference. Members of the RPC will be going.

Member Cashell asked Mr. Ziegler what date he has in mind that this can be put together. Mr. Ziegler responded that if the RPC met the first week of May and gave direction to the staff to prepare a staff report and a draft resolution and place an advertisement in the newspaper, then they would be already into the second or third week of May to take action. The RPGB committed in its decision on March 16 to hold a workshop prior to the RPGB public hearing so we could be looking into late May or early June.

Chair Dortch suggested having the RPGB workshop the same day as the public hearing. Member Aiazzi suggested having the workshop on May 11 and then having a week to digest it before the next RPGB meeting. Member Martini asked what is wrong with just going to June. Member Aiazzi stated that workshop could be set for May 11 and then the June RPGB meeting could be the public hearing. Chair Dortch stated that he does not have a problem with doing that. Chair Dortch suggested having the RPGB regular meeting on May 11 and then setting a date for the RPGB workshop. That would give Regional Planning staff a chance to digest whatever the RPC does and then the RPGB public hearing would be held at our regular meeting in June. Mr. Ziegler stated that could be made to work.

Mr. Ziegler asked if the RPGB would want to combine their workshop with the RPC workshop. Member Galloway stated that the workshops should not be at the same time so that the RPGB can take into account the RPC's recommendation from their workshop during the RPGB workshop.

Member Weber stated that the idea is for the workshop to be an opportunity to sit down and talk with people. An evening meeting would be best for having input from the public. It should be a workshop where we have an opportunity to respond to comments from the public.

Chair Dortch stated that the RPGB will hold a workshop sometime after the RPC's decision on May 10 and asked Regional Planning staff to poll the RPGB members to set a date for the RPGB workshop. Then we would look to have the item on our agenda at the June RPGB meeting.

MEMBER AIAZZI SO MOVED, SECONDED BY MEMBER WEBER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

- B. Consideration and possible approval of the recommendations of the Washoe County HOME Consortium's Technical Review Committee for:

- 1) Allocation of \$79,230 for operating expenses for the Community Housing Development Corporations recommended for certification or recertification; and
- 2) Allocation of FY 2006-2007 Affordable Housing Municipal Loan Program funds in the amount of \$3,245,997 for the development of affordable housing projects

Randy Baxley, Senior Planner, stated that there is a staff report beginning on page 21 of the meeting packet. Mr. Baxley stated that Jodi Royal-Goodwin is present to answer questions.

MEMBER AIAZZI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY MEMBER CASHELL. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Consideration and possible action to amend revenues and expenses in the FY 05-06 budget for purposes of engaging an Urban Land Institute (ULI) advisory panel to evaluate issues related to the Regional Plan update and implementation thereof.

Mr. Ziegler stated that he has been in touch with the ULI staff members and they have tentatively agreed that their visit could coincide with the RPGB September meeting. Mr. Ziegler stated that Regional Planning staff needs budget authority to negotiate a contract with ULI. If the RPGB gives the Chair the authority to enter into the contract when it is ready, that would save having to put it back on the RPGB agenda in the future.

MEMBER AIAZZI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY MEMBER WEBER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. REPORTS

- A. Members' and Director's reports.
- B. Report on Truckee Meadows Growth Task Force

Mr. Ziegler stated that the Task Force is preparing recommendations.

Phil Satre, Task Force Chair, and Stacey Crowley, Task Force Vice-Chair, addressed the RPGB regarding possible future funding requests and scheduling for recommendations from the Task Force.

Mr. Ziegler asked if the RPGB would consider a future agenda item to consider funding requests. Chair Dortch stated that sounds good.

Public Comment - Cathy Brandhorst expressed concerns regarding the Task Force.

- C. Legal counsel's report:
 - 1) Status report and possible direction to staff on Washoe County's petition for judicial review of the certification of Reno's

annexation program as conforming with the Regional Plan including, without limitation, schedule for considering possible Regional Plan amendments affecting the Truckee Meadows Service Areas (TMSA) pursuant to settlement agreement (August 23, 2005)

- 2) Discussion and possible direction to staff in response to Washoe County's request to initiate a possible amendment of the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan pursuant to paragraph A.1 of the settlement agreement (October 17, 2002) to roll back Reno's sphere of influence in the vicinity of St. James's resort and Pleasant Valley

Norm Azevedo, Legal Counsel, distributed copies of a lawsuit adverse to the Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA), the RPGB and the RPC over the proposed amendments. Mr. Azevedo stated that the first step he intends to take with this action would be to file a motion with Justice Hardesty. Mr. Azevedo stated that he will be requesting some non-meetings to discuss the merits of this.

Member Aiazzi asked if the next update with Justice Hardesty is June 8. Mr. Azevedo responded yes. Member Aiazzi stated that there is also an RPGB meeting that day. Mr. Azevedo stated that was discussed and the status conference is set very late in the day. Mr. Azevedo also stated that he will inform Justice Hardesty of the actions taken today.

Chair Dortch asked Mr. Azevedo what they are asking for in this suit. Mr. Azevedo responded that they want to void the RPGB action on the appeal.

Chair Dortch asked what this action would do to the process. Mr. Azevedo responded that the difficulty with this type of action is it is attempting to stop the administrative process. It is an attempt to interject themselves into the process prematurely.

Public Comment - Gary Schmitt suggested that the RPC and the RPGB each get different counsel.

- D. Consideration and possible acceptance of individual annual reports submitted by local governments and affected entities pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 278.0286.

Patricia Rogers, Community Outreach Assistant, stated that the annual reports submitted as of April 4 are included in the meeting packet. Regional Planning staff recommends that the RPGB consider and accept the annual reports included in the meeting packet.

MEMBER AIAZZI MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS, SECONDED BY MEMBER WEBER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

9. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Consideration and possible action on calendar of agenda items.

Mr. Ziegler reviewed future agenda items for the RPGB.

- B. Members' and director's requests for agenda items.

Member Larkin requested an electronic copy of the regulations on procedures.

10. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBER AIAZZI MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 2:50 P.M., SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

David S. Ziegler, Director
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency
Board

Dwight Dortch, Chair
Regional Planning Governing
Board

**APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD IN
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