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MINUTES REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD (RPGB) LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, March 15, 2007, 1:00 p.m.

The RPGB Legislative Sub-Committee met in the Regional Planning Agency (RPA) Conference Room, One East First Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Larkin at 1:15 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll, and RPGB Legislative Sub-Committee Members in attendance were: Robert Larkin and Geno Martini by telephone. Members absent: Dwight Dortch.

Also present: Rosanna Coombes, TMRPA Interim Director; Patricia Rogers, TMRPA; and Paige Menicucci, TMRPA.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MEMBER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 15, 2007, RPGB LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA, SECONDED BY CHAIR LARKIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO (2) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 1, 2007

MEMBER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 1, 2007, MINUTES, SECONDED BY CHAIR LARKIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO (2) MEMBERS PRESENT.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

A. Discussion and possible direction to staff on pending legislation.

Rosanna Coombes, Interim Director of Regional Planning, provided an update on Assembly Bill (AB) 160. Ms. Coombes stated that she met with Assemblywoman Parnell on March 9 and asked her what the underlying issue is and why she brought the bill. Assemblywoman Parnell stated that she has constituents that are concerned about the type of development that was occurring in Washoe Valley. Ms. Coombes stated that she asked her if she is concerned about who is making the decision about development in Washoe Valley or if she is concerned about what type and the character of

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development. Ms. Parnell said she was not concerned with who is making the decision. Ms. Coombes explained to her what annexation is and that changing provisions in annexation rules does not address the type of development that occurs but who is making the decision. Assemblywoman Parnell expressed concern that if something is going to be annexed, something is up. Ms. Coombes explained that there are certain type of development that the County will have the ability to approve, and if the land was annexed, there would be certain things that the City could do. Assemblywoman Parnell realized that this would not get to the needs of her constituents but that she is still going to push forward with the bill.

Ms. Coombes stated that Assemblywoman Parnell also expressed concern regarding noticing when development occurs. Ms. Coombes explained that there is a whole range of provisions that are currently in statute that require noticing when certain types of development are being proposed and offered to compile a list for her of what is currently in statute regarding notification. Assemblywoman Parnell also expressed concerns that the settlement agreement and Regional Plan policies are not in statute and therefore do not provide any protection for her constituents.

Ms. Coombes stated that she does not have any confirmation but that her interpretation of what is behind it is the proposal for development on the Weston/Lowden properties. The County is working with the Weston/Lowden property owners to develop some strategies for them to develop their property. Ms. Coombes stated that she spoke with County staff and the one problem is the area plan they are putting together may contravene the requirements of the Regional Plan. County staff has said that they will propose a Regional Plan amendment that gets around those. Ms. Coombes reported that she informed County staff of this bill and of the commitments of the settlement agreement.

Chair Larkin stated that he will talk with the commissioner for that area to make him aware of what is going on.

Ms. Coombes stated that she told Assemblywoman Parnell that if there is a particular problem with development on those parcels, there are probably other alternatives to address it. Ms. Coombes stated that Assemblywoman Parnell still intends to push forward with the bill. Ms. Coombes told Assemblywoman Parnell that she has direction to oppose the bill.

Chair Larkin stated that he would let Commissioner Humke know that Ms. Coombes can assist with questions about this issue.

Ms. Coombes stated that AB 287 has been introduced and referred to Assembly Government Affairs. Regional Planning staff will continue to monitor the bill.

Regional Planning staff is continuing to monitor land use planning and zoning, affordable housing, eminent domain, and water bills that come up. There is nothing at this stage that has a direct implication for regional planning. The concern is not always what is currently in a bill but possible amendments that may have an impact.

Patricia Rogers, Community Outreach Assistant, stated that there is an additional four or five water bills that came through today.

6. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Coombes stated that the next Legislative Sub-Committee meeting will be March 22 at 9:00 a.m. The following week will be a regularly scheduled RPGB meeting. A proposed schedule for April meetings will be available at the next meeting. Meetings will be every Thursday except where there is a regularly scheduled RPGB meeting.

7. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:30 A.M., SECONDED BY CHAIR LARKIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO (2) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Reviewed by:

Approved by:

Rosanna Coombes, Interim Director
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Robert Larkin, Chair
Regional Planning Governing Board

**APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD LEGISLATIVE
SUBCOMMITTEE IN SESSION ON _____, 2007.**