



REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD

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MINUTES

REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD Regular Meeting Thursday, September 8, 2005

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dwight Dortch at 2:05 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, Jim Galloway, Pierre Hascheff, Geno Martini, and Judy Moss for Ron Schmitt. Member Bonnie Weber arrived at 2:17 p.m. Members absent were: Mike Carrigan, Robert Cashell, and Ron Schmitt.

Also present were: Dave Ziegler, TMRPA Director; Norman Azevedo, Legal Counsel; Rosanna Coombes, TMRPA; Patricia Rogers, TMRPA; Lora Richards, TMRPA; and Mary Kuechler, TMRPA.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MEMBER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2005, RPGGB AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER AIAZZI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

- A. Workshop on the 2007 Regional Plan update, including discussion and direction to staff on issues for consideration by the Technical Advisory Committee and Regional Planning Commission.

Rosanna Coombes, Senior Planner, stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) held its first meeting on August 12. Regional Planning staff, with assistance from the RPC and the TAC, will present an open house to provide information and obtain input from the public. The open house will be held on September 21. Ms. Coombes stated that the update process calls for a joint workshop of the RPGB and the RPC to participate in evaluating and prioritizing issues to be addressed during the update. That workshop has tentatively been scheduled for the RPC's next meeting date on September 28. The TAC members will also be invited.

[Member Weber arrived at 2:17 p.m.]

Dave Ziegler, Director of Regional Planning, reviewed a tentative list of issues that may be addressed during the update. Mr. Ziegler stated that there will be a more definitive list of issues prepared for review at the October RPGB meeting.

Member Hascheff asked Mr. Ziegler for a calendar with dates for the open house and TAC meetings. Member Hascheff stated that in the last plan, Regional Planning staff got the RPGB and RPC members in the process early to establish and agree on the policies. Having the policies in place not only gave direction to staff in drafting the goals and objectives but it also kept the process on track. Member Hascheff stated that he would like to see that added to the model. Member Hascheff asked if incentives would be put in the Regional Plan and then each local government would be required to provide those same incentives in their master plans. Mr. Ziegler responded that the policies in the Regional Plan establish requirements for the local master plans. The current policy on the incentives is fairly broad.

Member Hascheff stated that incentives should be provided for developments that preserve adequate and appropriate open space and access to open space. Member Hascheff commented on the interface between land use planning and infrastructure planning. Facilities plans should include schools along with other infrastructure issues. Member Hascheff also stated that the Regional Water Management Plan (RWMP) principles should be incorporated into the Regional Plan.

Member Aiazzi commented on the issue of appropriate goals by area and asked what the areas will be. Mr. Ziegler responded that the areas would be the generic regional planning areas.

Member Aiazzi asked if there is something in the list of issues that would help the State get to what they are telling the power companies to do and talk about renewable energy. Mr. Ziegler responded that he would look into that and check into the ability under the statute to do that.

Member Galloway stated that he would like the RPGB and the RPC to express a policy as to how far to go with regard to planning were schools should go instead of having it follow development entirely.

Member Larkin noted that the RSCVA had not yet nominated anyone to the TAC and asked Mr. Ziegler if needed help getting that nomination. Mr. Ziegler responded that anything he could do to bolster that working relationship would be appreciated.

Member Larkin noted that the Reno Sparks Indian Colony had not nominated a representative for the TAC. Mr. Ziegler responded that they have nominated a representative and an alternate.

Member Larkin asked if the Pyramid Lake Piute Indian Tribe had been contacted. Mr. Ziegler responded that they have not.

Member Larkin stated that it has been mentioned that we need to reach out to more than just the local jurisdictions and asked for confirmation that the TAC carries no voting weight and is there to technically advise on matters. Mr. Ziegler responded that the TAC is an advisory committee to the RPC and is subject to the open meeting law. Their decisions are not binding. It would be straightforward to approach the Pyramid Lake Piute Tribe or any other entity and ask them if they would like to participate as one of many stakeholders in the process.

Member Larkin asked if that would include Story County, Lyon County and Fernley. Mr. Ziegler responded yes, they can participate as stakeholders. Other counties have received been sent an invitation to be on the mailing list.

Member Larkin requested that we actively solicit membership on the TAC if it is permissible in the State law to do that.

Member Weber asked if transportation in the outlying areas is included under any of the issues that will be addressed. Mr. Ziegler responded that transportation issues are important throughout the region and it is the Regional Plan that will address those. The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is represented on the TAC. We want to make sure that our transportation plans and land use plans are synchronized so that we are not planning a certain land use pattern in an area while RTC or local governments are planning some other transportation scheme. We are trying to work more closely with RTC and the Regional Water Planning Commission on population and employment projections so everyone is working with the same number.

Member Weber asked if the Growth Management Task Force will have a representative on the TAC. Mr. Ziegler responded that he has written to the Chair of the Task Force and invited them to participate as a stakeholder and hopefully they will name a representative to attend the TAC meetings.

B. Quarterly report on facilities by representatives of Washoe County School District.

Elizabeth Wright, Washoe County School District, reported on the status of current projects in the Washoe County School District.

Mark Stanton, Washoe County School District, reported on where the School District is headed in the future and some of the challenges that have been identified.

Member Galloway asked about the 180 day rule regarding portable classrooms. Mr. Stanton responded that requirement is in the International Building Code. Member Galloway stated that we can try to help with that issue.

Member Galloway asked if the career and technical academy will be in the urban core. Mr. Stanton responded that is what they are looking at doing.

Member Aiazzi asked who requires the permanent foundations for portable classrooms. Mr. Stanton responded that requirement is in the International Building Code. Member Aiazzi stated that we will help with that too.

Member Aiazzi asked if there is any advantage to the School District to be annexed.. Mr. Stanton responded that their planner has said there is no benefit.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Consideration and possible amendment of the FY 05-06 budget to reflect updated revenue and expenditure projections for update of water quality management plan (208 plan).

Mary Kuechler, Administrative Services Manager, stated that Regional Planning staff recommend that the RPGB approve a budget amendment to reflect updated revenue and expenditure projections for the update of the water quality management plan.

[Member Galloway left at 3:05 p.m.]

MEMBER LARKIN MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE BUDGET, SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINI.

Member Aiazzi stated that the RTC committed to \$75,000 and it is not shown in the budget. Member Aiazzi asked where that money is setting. Mr. Ziegler responded that he does not know and will get back to him with an answer.

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7. REPORTS

- A. Members' and Director's reports.
 - 1) Status report on issuance of requests for proposals (RFPs) to support Regional Plan update process and analytical program

Mr. Ziegler stated that four RFPs will be issued in the next couple of days.

Member Aiazzi asked what criteria will be used if there are five applicants for each RFP. Mr. Ziegler responded that there will be a selection committee established for each one. There are selection criteria articulated in each RFP.

Member Aiazzi asked who will make the decision. Mr. Ziegler responded that the decision will be made in staff level committees.

Member Larkin asked about the \$60,000 for BCP 4. Mr. Ziegler stated that there was discussion this Spring on whether we could leverage that with some money from the RTC. The RPGB approved a budget of \$60,000 and directed us to coordinate as much as possible with other entities. That is the area we still need to work on.

Member Aiazzi stated that the RTC already gave the money. Mr. Ziegler stated that he will have to work that out with RTC and recommend that in the meantime we go ahead with the other RFPs.

Chair Dortch stated that it should be as easy as a phone call. Member Aiazzi stated that he does not mind moving forward today. Mr. Ziegler stated that we can move forward and issue the all the RFPs because this RFP is not specific about the budgeted amount.

Chair Dortch stated that is fine.

MEMBER AIAZZI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RFP PROCESS, SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

2) Report on Truckee Meadows Growth Task Force

Mr. Ziegler stated that the Task Force did articulate some draft principles related to growth and development in the region. The Task Force will meet again on September 29.

Member Aiazzi asked what will be the Task Force's next step with regard to community reinvestment funds and affordable housing. Each of the local governments have given the Task Force about \$25,000 and there is nobody here to give us a report. Mr. Ziegler responded that the funding from the local governments has not been finalized. Mr. Ziegler also stated that his understanding on community reinvestment funds is that the Task Force hopes to come forward with a very concrete proposal in the future. On affordable housing, the Task Force hopes to make very concrete policy recommendations and report on the best practices that are used throughout the country and how they might be adapted here.

Member Larkin stated that Washoe County stipulated that the funds would be forthcoming with a work plan from the Task Force.

B. 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

Norm Azevedo, Legal Counsel, stated that there will be a status conference tomorrow to address the status of the settlement. Along with that there is the issue pending regarding St. James Village and Pleasant Valley area that is addressed to primarily the service areas concept.

8. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Consideration and possible action on calendar of agenda items.
- B. Members' and director's requests for agenda items.

Member Larkin stated that it would be appropriate for this body to review how each entity is going to arrive at forecasted population numbers and what this body is going to do with those after there has been some consensus on that.

Member Aiazzi stated that it would be good for them to report to the RPGB. It might help if we gave them a time frame for that.

There was some discussion regarding a time frame for each entity to report on forecasted population numbers. It was decided that a status report on where things are with population estimates and forecasts should be presented at the next RPGB meeting.

Chair Dortch asked Mr. Ziegler to add that to next month's agenda.

9. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBER AIAZZI MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:25 P.M., SECONDED BY MEMBER LARKIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

David S. Ziegler, Director
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Dwight Dortch, Chair
Regional Planning Governing Board

APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD IN SESSION ON
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