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REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD Legislative Subcommittee Meeting Thursday, May 12, 2005

The Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGGB) Legislative Subcommittee met in the Washoe County Caucus Room, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Carrigan at 1:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll, and Regional Planning Governing Board Members in attendance were: Mike Carrigan and Dwight Dortch. Member Bonnie Weber arrived at 1:05 p.m.

Also present were: Dave Ziegler, TMRPA Director; Patricia Rogers, TMRPA; and Mary Kuechler, TMRPA.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MEMBER DORTCH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 12, 2005, AGENDA, SECONDED BY CHAIR CARRIGAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO (2) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

Item 4.A Approval of Minutes will be addressed after Member Weber arrives.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

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

1. Assembly Bill 231 (Atkinson et al., sidewalks)

Dave Ziegler, Director of Regional Planning, stated that this bill came out of its Senate committee yesterday with a do pass. The original bill would have required sidewalks within at least one or two miles of all schools.

[Member Weber arrived at 1:03 p.m.]

The bill was amended to require a study of the subject to make recommendations for improvement to conditions of walking paths and sidewalks and to review programs currently being implemented. It was suggested that the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) and the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition lead that study. Unless the process is interrupted on the Senate floor, this bill will become law. Mr. Ziegler suggested convening a working group that would use the Geographic Information System (GIS) to do the evaluation.

Member Dortch asked about a required timeframe for completion. Mr. Ziegler responded that a report would have to be submitted before the next session.

Chair Carrigan suggested moving on because it is already on the floor. Member Dortch asked about the cost of the study. Mr. Ziegler responded that he calculated an estimate of about \$50,000.

Mr. Ziegler suggested telling the legislature a year from now that Sparks' model works well.

Chair Carrigan suggested putting this on an RPGB agenda for discussion after it becomes law in July.

Member Dortch stated that it would not hurt to let the Senate leadership know what our feelings are on this. Mr. Ziegler stated that he could go visit the Senate leadership.

MEMBER WEBER MADE A MOTION TO DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO APPROACH THE SENATE LEADERSHIP TO EXPRESS THE CONCERNS AND OPPOSITION REGARDING THE STUDY, SECONDED BY MEMBER DORTCH.

Chair Carrigan stated that since it is a done deal, he would rather work it on the other side.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH TWO (2) IN FAVOR AND ONE OPPOSITION BY CHAIR CARRIGAN.

3. Assembly Bill 425 (Giunchigliani et al., urban design, mixed use, etc.)

Mr. Ziegler stated that he testified on this bill on Monday stating that the RPGB Legislative Subcommittee did not see any need for this bill as it applied to regional planning in Washoe County. The homebuilders and local governments were unanimous that this bill was a bad idea.

Chair Carrigan stated that he does not see any need to change the direction given to Mr. Ziegler at the last meeting on this item.

Mr. Ziegler stated that he has been invited to give a presentation about the TMRPA to the Assembly Growth and Infrastructure Committee next Tuesday.

2. Assembly Bill 440 (Grady, Lyon/Washoe County boundary adjustment)

Chair Carrigan stated that he has heard that the tribe and Fernley are opposed to this bill. Member Dortch stated that he does not think this will have any impact on regional planning. Chair Carrigan agreed.

4. Other proposed legislation that may affect planning, zoning, natural resources, infrastructure, or the program of regional planning

Mr. Ziegler stated that SCR 26 states that the Legislative Commission would appoint a subcommittee to study the feasibility and advisability of consolidating water related services in Washoe County. It also states what the membership of the subcommittee would be and what the study would cover.

Chair Carrigan stated that Sparks had a problem with this item starting on line 45. The Regional Water Planning Commission (RWPC) is already in place to study all this. Chair Carrigan stated that he would support SCR 26 if they took out everything that has to do with Washoe County.

Mr. Ziegler stated that all the study bills will be held off until the end so we could still influence this process.

MEMBER DORTCH MADE A MOTION STATING THAT THE RPGB LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF A WATER STUDY THAT ENCOMPASSES THE ENTIRE STATE, SECONDED BY MEMBER WEBER.

Mr. Ziegler stated that a good rationale behind the position is to say that we already have the planning process and an agency that looks at water in the Truckee Meadows.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THREE (3) MEMBERS PRESENT.

There was some brief discussion regarding several items with no action taken.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. April 13, 2005

MEMBER WEBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13, 2005, MINUTES, SECONDED BY CHAIR CARRIGAN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH TWO (2) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION BY MEMBER DORTCH.

7. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Carrigan asked Mr. Ziegler to contact him if there is a need for a future meeting of the RPGB Legislative Subcommittee.

8. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

AS FILED WITH TMRPA

David S. Ziegler, Director
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Mike Carrigan, Chair
Regional Planning Governing Board

**APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD IN SESSION ON
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