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MINUTES REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD (RPGB) LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, April 5, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

The RPGB Legislative Sub-Committee met in the Regional Planning Agency (RPA) Conference Room, One East First Street, Suite 1100, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Larkin at 9:05 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MEMBER DORTCH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 5, 2007, RPGB LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA, SECONDED BY CHAIR LARKIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO (2) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

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

Rosanna Coombes, Interim Director of Regional Planning, stated that the RPGB took a position of support on AB 287. Regional Planning staff is not aware of any additional movement on this bill. Member Dortch stated that AB 287 is going to go to committee the first part of next week and that the GID language has been worked out. Chair Larkin stated that it would not be attached to this bill. Member Dortch stated that he was under the impression that it would be attached to this bill. Ms. Coombes stated that staff will follow-up on that. Chair Larkin stated that there is a separate bill to cover it. It was determined that no further action is required other than carrying forward in the current direction on AB 287.

Ms. Coombes stated that AB 160 was referred to the Legislative Sub-Committee by the RPGB. Ms. Coombes recommended walking through the comments on the proposed changes to this bill to get feedback from the Sub-Committee.

Chair Larkin asked if any of the proposed changes change the intent of this legislation. Ms. Coombes responded that it does. The proposed changes from the City of Reno take out of the bill the potential changes to the Annexation Commission so it reverts back to the way it happens now.

Chair Larkin asked what the purpose of the bill is. Ms. Coombes responded that is only one piece of the legislation. There was concern expressed about notification when annexation occurs. The City of Reno staff recommended proposing an annexation notification boundary of 750 feet. Ms. Coombes stated that as this is a local planning matter Regional Planning staff has no comment on that.

Member Dortch asked if everyone within the notification area has to consent. Ms. Coombes responded that it allows for an ability for written opposition which shall be made part of the minutes of the annexation hearing and shall be considered by the local government in making its decision regarding whether to annex a territory or not.

Member Dortch stated that it is nothing different than what we do now. Chair Larkin asked what this bill buys us. Ms. Coombes responded that it provides an alternative to the bill that the legislators were proposing that is palatable to the parties and provides the legislator an opportunity to move forward. Ms. Coombes stated that another provision added is that it would require certain types of changes of land use to be classified as a project of regional significance. The underlying concern of the constituents is not about annexation but about the type of development that occurs in their backyard. This takes out of the bill the reliance on annexation being the mechanism and it converts it back to saying the concern is really about intensification in rural areas. Ms. Coombes stated that it uses a multiplier of 10 residential units for a change in the master plan designation and if that occurs, it requires a review of project of regional significance which comes to regional.

Chair Larkin asked if that was the context over the last year, how many projects would have been projects of regional significance. Ms. Coombes responded that she would have to research that. Chair Larkin stated that it does need to be researched in order to specify the impact.

Member Dortch asked about a timeframe with regard to proposed changes. Ms. Coombes responded that PRS provisions would apply. Chair Larkin stated that a clarification on a time limit is needed. Ms. Coombes stated that she will talk to the City of Reno staff to see if they have a view on that.

Member Dortch asked if this just applies to annexed property. Ms. Coombes responded that it applies to anywhere in the region.

Member Dortch asked what this would do to infill development. Chair Larkin stated that this is a piece of legislation that is going to have unintended consequences and is not well thought out.

Member Dortch asked if this is an exempt bill. Ms. Coombes responded that she does not believe so. Member Dortch stated that they have to do something by next Friday. Ms. Coombes responded that is her understanding.

Ms. Coombes stated that direction Regional Planning staff will take on AB 160 is to have staff to staff discussions with the City of Reno. The position of opposition on this bill cannot be changed since all three members of the Sub-Committee are not in attendance.

Ms. Coombes stated that the work the RPGB asked Regional Planning staff to do on SB 269 is completed. A map is included in the packet noting the installations that would come under this bill for Washoe County.

Chair Larkin asked if there is anything in Wadsworth or Gerlach. Patricia Rogers stated that she did not know. Ms. Coombes stated that staff has had a hard time getting information from the Army.

Ms. Coombes stated that information in the table shows there is quite a size difference between Nellis and Fallon and anything Washoe County would have. The RPGB suggested providing a friendly amendment that would isolate Nellis and Fallon by including a cut-off based on acreage or that would include residential facilities that would automatically withdraw recruitment centers from the classification of a military facility.

Ms. Coombes stated that staff can make that recommendation to the proponents.

Chair Larkin stated that he would like to know what the Department of Defense has on their maps as their reservation. Chair Larkin also stated that the location shown on the map for the Army Aviation Support Facility is wrong. It should be between runways 26 and 32. Ms. Coombes stated that she will check on that.

Ms. Coombes stated that legal counsel has reviewed SB 487 and expressed concern regarding inconsistent language. There is language calling for consistency with the Regional Plan versus conformance requirement language. Legal Counsel recommends using the language of conformance versus consistency. Ms. Coombes asked if the Sub-Committee would like staff to propose a friendly amendment to the bill to fix that language.

Chair Larkin and Member Dortch stated that they do not have a problem with that.

Ms. Rogers stated that SB 487 will be heard by Senate Natural Resources at 3:30 on Monday. Ms. Coombes stated that staff cannot take a position on the bill when they testify but can approach at a staff level and seek a friendly amendment to that language.

Chair Larkin asked about eminent domain bills. Ms. Rogers responded that she has not seen any direct movement on those.

5. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Coombes stated that there will be an RPGB meeting next week so there will not be a Sub-Committee meeting next week. Sub-Committee meeting agendas have been posted for the 19th and 26th.

6. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBER DORTCH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:35 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 RPGB LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE IN SESSION ON
_____, 2007.**