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MINUTES
REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD (RPGGB) AND
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (RPC)
Special Joint Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2007, 5:00 p.m.

The Regional Planning Governing Board and the Regional Planning Commission met in a special joint session in the Lawlor Events Center – Silver and Blue Room, 1664 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Geno Martini at 6:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

A. Regional Planning Governing Board

The clerk called the roll, and Regional Planning Governing Board Members in attendance were: Geno Martini, David Aiazzi, Mike Carrigan, Dwight Dortch, Jim Galloway, Pierre Hascheff, Robert Larkin, and Ron Schmitt. Member Bonnie Weber arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Members absent: Robert Cashell.

B. Regional Planning Commission

The clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners were present: William Weber, Kendall Mattina, Scott Barnes, Tom Lean, Christy Magers, Jim Newberg, Dennis Romeo, and Dian VanderWell.

Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) staff present: Rosanna Coombes, Interim Director; Norman Azevedo, Legal Counsel; Phil Caterino; Andy Simpson; Sienna Reid; Joy Randall; and Paige Menicucci.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Regional Planning Governing Board

MEMBER DORTCH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2007, AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER LARKIN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

B. Regional Planning Commission

Chair Weber congratulated Rosanna Coombes on her appointment this evening as the Director of Regional Planning.

COMMISSIONER BARNES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2007, AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION

- A. Presentation from Ann Dixon – Drawing the big picture: Moving toward regional thinking through cumulative impact assessment.

Phil Caterino, Senior Planner, provided background information on this agenda item and stated that the goal of the consultant's research was to find programs in other regions that had success in the areas of measuring progress toward meeting regional planning goals and examining alternative long-term growth scenarios in order to develop a revised long-range regional plan. Mr. Caterino introduced Ann Dixon.

[Member Bonnie Weber arrived at 6:04 p.m.]

Ann Dixon presented a summary of her report highlighting the findings, case studies, and options.

[Member Schmitt left at 6:15 p.m.]

[Member Aiazzi left at 6:20 p.m. and returned at 6:30 p.m.]

[Chair Martini left at 6:30 p.m. and returned at 6:36 p.m.]

[Member Galloway left at 6:32 p.m.]

There was some discussion regarding the level of detail involved with benchmarking versus scenario planning and whether there is a need for both.

[Member Barnes left at 6:37 p.m.]

- B. Facilitated discussion of the RPGB and the RPC including:
- 1) Discussion and possible RPC recommendations to the RPGB on cumulative impact assessment
 - 2) Discussion and possible action by the RPGB on cumulative impacts of development in the region

Dee Schafer, Corporate Solution, facilitated discussion on the presentation given by Ms. Dixon and stated that the purpose of the discussion is to discuss which approach the RPC and the RPGB would like the Regional Planning Agency (RPA) to take and which would be the most beneficial and feasible.

[Member Barnes returned at 6:40 p.m.]

[Member Bonnie Weber left at 6:48 p.m. and returned at 6:53 p.m.]

There was some discussion regarding the challenges that come with scenario planning. Scenario planning is a moving process you go through and is not an answer in its own right.

There was discussion regarding what Regional Planning staff should bring back to the group in terms of benchmarking information. It was decided that Regional Planning staff would bring back a list of things within the Regional Plan that can be benchmarked and where that information can be obtained if it is already available.

There was discussion regarding what Regional Planning staff should bring back to the group in terms of scenario planning. Regional Planning staff was asked to bring back information on costs for a scenario planning process. They were also asked to contact some of the cities in the case study to see what it would cost to have them come out here and provide information on their best practices.

Ms. Schafer asked Ms. Coombes when this information can be brought back. Ms. Coombes stated that she would like to engage the planning directors and have them participate. Ms. Coombes stated that she could come back with a program some time in late spring.

5. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

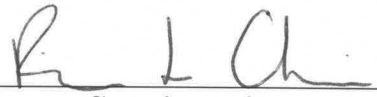
This item was not addressed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBER AIAZZI MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:37 P.M., SECONDED BY MEMBER WEBER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) RPGB MEMBERS PRESENT AND EIGHT (8) RPC MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Reviewed by:




Rosanna Coombes, Director
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Approved by:



Geno Martini, Chair
Regional Planning Governing Board



William Weber, Chair
Regional Planning Commission

APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD IN SESSION ON 2/14, 2008.

APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN SESSION ON 2/13/08, 2008.