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MINUTES

Regional Planning Commission (RPC) REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE - OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, August 23, 2006, 5:00 p.m.

The Regional Plan Update Oversight Committee met in the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 4590 S. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Newberg at 5:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners were present: Jim Newberg, Marge Frandsen, and Scott Barnes.

Also present were: Rosanna Coombes, TMRPA; Lora Richards, TMRPA; and Patricia Rogers, TMRPA.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMISSIONER FRANDSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 23, 2006, REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BARNES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THREE (3) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Rosanna Coombes, Interim Director of Regional Planning, stated that the minutes can simply be filed with the circumstances noted since two of the members will have to abstain from voting. Chair Newberg stated that is fine.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

A. Status report and possible direction to staff regarding the 2007 update of the Regional Plan including, but not limited to:

1) Review of the activities of the technical advisory committee (TAC) to-date

Ms. Coombes reviewed background information regarding the oversight committee and its role in the Regional Plan update process. Ms. Coombes also reviewed background information regarding the adoption of the update process and the identification of issues that would be

addressed by the TAC. The TAC has been meeting twice a month and is now about 75% of the way through the issues. The local governments and affected entities have worked together beautifully and there has been good consensus on the recommendations so far. Changes have been made to the list of issues because some of them were dealt with in the settlement agreement amendments.

Commissioner Barnes asked if the update process will be altered now that there is an outcome from the settlement agreement. Ms. Coombes responded that there will be a recommendation tonight to alter the process.

2) Review and recommendations regarding the process and schedule for the update

Lora Richards, Planning Analyst II, stated that the original schedule for the update included a public workshop at the end of the review for each of the four modules. That schedule was adopted before the list of issues was established. As a reaction to the list of issues, modules 1, 2, and 3 will wrap up at about the same time in September. Rather than trying to fit in three public open houses, the TAC is proposing one open house that will present modules 1, 2, and 3 to the public at the same time. Since that will cut down the number of opportunities for the public to comment, the TAC is proposing the possibility of an RPC workshop sometime after the module 4 open house in order to allow an additional format for public comment. This is all in addition to the three public hearings at the RPC level as well as the public hearing the Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB) will have.

Chair Newberg asked what the format would be for the public hearing. Ms. Richards stated that the idea is to have a facilitated workshop where the commissioners interact around tables with the plan and the public. Ms. Coombes stated that there will be an opportunity for discussion and dialogue. Each of the meetings that the TAC has had have been open public meetings. There is a substantial mailing list of about 800 people that get the TAC agendas.

Chair Newberg asked about public notification for the public open houses. Ms. Coombes stated that advertisements will be put in the newspaper for those.

Commissioner Frandsen asked about the participation from the public at the TAC meetings. Ms. Coombes responded that there is active participation from those that are interested in the process and attend regularly. Sporadic input is received from those interested in specific issues and subjects.

Commissioner Barnes asked if the legal review will be before the public hearings. Ms. Coombes responded that it will be concurrent with the hearings.

Commissioner Barnes asked how much preparation there will be between the legal review and the public open house. Ms. Coombes responded that it will be a matter of weeks from the time we have a draft document until we go out to public review.

Commissioner Barnes asked if the legal review is more extensive than it was for the last update because of the settlement agreement. Ms. Coombes responded that it is not necessarily more extensive.

Chair Newberg asked about the adequate affordable housing issue. Ms. Coombes stated that a consultant was hired to bring together a white paper that looks at regional strategies for affordable housing. The TAC is now going through the strategies recommended in that white paper. The TAC also received information from the Truckee Meadows Growth Task Force on their major barrier study on affordable housing. The TAC is using that information to come up with recommendations on affordable housing for a regional policy.

Chair Newberg asked if that would include all three entities. Ms. Coombes responded yes.

Commissioner Frandsen asked if the flood project people are involved in the discussions regarding management of natural resources in module 2. Ms. Coombes responded that Jeanne Ruefer has been attending the TAC meetings. Educational presentations on water issues have also been given by other Department of Water Resources staff members.

Ms. Richards referred to the timeline for the update process and stated that the TAC is proposing adopting the Regional Plan update in February instead of waiting until May because of the upcoming legislative session and other staffing implications. Regional Planning staff is looking for the Oversight Committee's consideration of a motion to proceed with the proposed changes.

There was some discussion regarding the timing of the workshop for modules 1, 2, and 3 and the possibility of combining that workshop with the workshop for module 4. It was decided to leave the schedule for workshops as proposed in order to avoid holiday schedules and to get as many people from the public in attendance as possible.

COMMISSIONER FRANSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REVISED PROCESS FOR THE 2007 REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BARNES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THREE (3) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3) Review of TAC membership and attendance

Ms. Richards stated that the RPC did amend the TAC membership in May to reflect staffing changes at the City of Sparks. Additional changes will be brought forward at the RPC meeting tonight because of Mr. Ziegler's departure from the Regional Planning Agency (RPA).

Patricia Rogers, Community Outreach Assistant, presented information on attendance for the TAC meetings. A strong effort was made to contact individuals that represent large areas of public interest to participate as stakeholders. The TAC facilitator encourages stakeholders to participate with the TAC members. Personal letters were also sent to the Chairs of CABs, NABs and CACs asking them to participate.

6. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Coombes stated that these oversight committee meetings are normally ad hoc. Chair Newberg stated that he is happy to keep them ad hoc.

7. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Newberg adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Reviewed by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Coombes", written over a horizontal line.

Rosanna Coombes, Interim Director
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

FILED ON 5/1, 2008.