



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (RPC)
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 6:30 p.m.

The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) met in regular session in the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kendall Mattina at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) staff present: Rosanna Coombes, Director; Norman Azevedo, Legal Counsel; Peter Gower; and Sienna Reid.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

COMMISSIONER LEAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WEISKE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. PUBLIC HEARING – Regional Plan Conformance Review – City of Sparks Master Plan amendment, Industrial Land Use Designation Amendments (CR08-029) – to amend the land use designation for all sites currently designated commercial/industrial to industrial; remove the commercial/industrial land use designation from the master plan; amend the existing industrial land use designation description and locational criteria; and remove the Conductor Heights Neighborhood Plan. The primary amendment area is generally located north of the Truckee River, south of Interstate 80 and bisected into approximate equal areas by East McCarran Boulevard. An additional amendment area is located north of Interstate 80, south of Prater Way, and east of Sparks Boulevard.

Commissioner Lean requested a presentation on this item.

Jim Rundle, City of Sparks, provided information on the background of this proposed amendment, including an example of a special use permit request and the desire to use appropriate areas for commercial zoning.

[The public hearing was opened.] There were no requests to speak.

[The public hearing was closed.]

COMMISSIONER BARNES MADE A MOTION TO FIND THE INDUSTRIAL LAND USE DESIGNATION AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF SPARKS MASTER PLAN, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE 2007 TRUCKEE MEADOWS REGIONAL PLAN, BASED ON THE FINDINGS LISTED IN THE STAFF REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

- A. PUBLIC HEARING – Regional Plan Conformance Review – Washoe County Comprehensive Plan amendment, Housing Element (CR08-027) – to amend the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan by replacing the existing Housing Element with a new Housing Element that provides an updated Housing Needs Assessment, updates the housing goals and policies to address the needs identified in the Needs Assessment in a manner consistent with NRS 278.150, 278.160, and 278.235, and provides for the regional coordination of housing policies, and other matters properly relating thereto.

Sienna Reid, Regional Planner, reviewed information included in the staff report on this proposed amendment and stated that Regional Planning staff found no significant conformance issues.

[The public hearing was opened.] There were no requests to speak.

[The public hearing was closed.]

COMMISSIONER VANDERWELL MADE A MOTION TO FIND THE WASHOE COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT AMENDMENT IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE 2007 TRUCKEE MEADOWS REGIONAL PLAN, BASED ON THE FINDINGS LISTED IN THE STAFF REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BARNES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

- B. PUBLIC HEARING – Regional Plan Conformance Review – City of Sparks Seven Year Annexation Program 2008-2015 (CR08-028) – detailing specific properties meeting certain criteria which may be considered for annexation over the seven year program period.

Ms. Reid pointed out an incorrect reference to statute on page 27 of the meeting packet. NRS 268.670 should be NRS 268.6255. Ms. Reid reviewed information included in the staff report and stated that Regional Planning staff found no significant conformance issues.

[The public hearing was opened.] There were no requests to speak.

[The public hearing was closed.]

COMMISSIONER LEAN MADE A MOTION TO FIND THE CITY OF SPARKS SEVEN YEAR ANNEXATION PROGRAM 2008 – 2015 IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE 2007 TRUCKEE MEADOWS REGIONAL PLAN, BASED ON THE FINDINGS LISTED IN THE STAFF REPORT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BARNES.

Chair Mattina asked if the motion includes the correction Ms. Reid noted. Commissioner Lean responded yes.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

C. Status report on local government master plan lists of scheduled additions

Ms. Reid reviewed action that has been taken so far by the RPC on the master plan lists of scheduled additions and stated that Regional Planning staff expects additional amendments from the City of Reno later this Fall and early in 2009. Regional Planning staff also expects a variety of master plan amendments from the City of Sparks addressing their list of scheduled additions later this Fall.

6. DIRECTOR, MEMBER, AND LEGAL COUNSEL INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Director's reports:

- 1) Status report regarding an initiative petition that would require the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan to be amended to reflect and to include a policy or policies requiring that local government land use plans be based upon and in balance with identified and sustainable water resources available within Washoe County

Rosanna Coombes, Director of Regional Planning, distributed copies of a letter from Bob Fulkerson written in response to her letter of September 8. Ms. Coombes stated that the response acknowledges the complexity of the issues involved with land use and water planning. The response letter also states that they would prefer to wait until after the November 4 election to meet and discuss their letter and to clarify any questions we may have. Ms. Coombes stated that this information will also be provided to the Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB).

- 2) Report on actions and agendas of the Regional Planning Governing Board

Ms. Coombes reviewed action taken by the RPGB at their September 11 meeting and tentative agenda items for the October 9 RPGB meeting.

B. Legal counsel's report

- 1) Status report on action regarding a petition for writ of mandate or judicial review regarding the Regional Planning Commission's determination of conformance (February 13, 2008) of the City of Reno's Master Plan (CR07-035) filed in the Second Judicial District Court (CV08-00611)

Norm Azevedo, Legal Counsel, stated that he is in the process of scheduling a hearing on the motion to dismiss and that he should have an answer on the motion to dismiss in the latter part of November.

7. REQUESTS FOR AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review of tentative calendar of agenda items.

Ms. Coombes reviewed tentative agenda items for the October 8 RPC meeting. Ms. Coombes recommended that the RPC hold a second meeting next month on October 22 in order to address conformance reviews within the required timeframe.

8. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

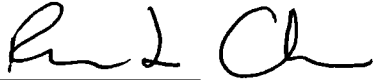
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9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

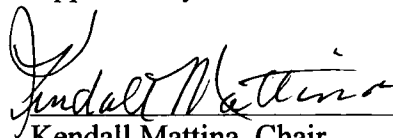
Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Reviewed by:



Rosanna Coombes, Director
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Approved by:



Kendall Mattina, Chair
Regional Planning Commission

APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN SESSION ON
10/22, 2008.