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REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, March 1, 2007

The Regional Planning Governing Board (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 9:14 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll, and Regional Planning Governing Board Legislative Sub-Committee Members in attendance were: Robert Larkin, Dwight Dortch, and Geno Martini (by telephone).

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

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (March 1, 2007, meeting)

MEMBER DORTCH MADE A MOTION TO ELECT ROBERT LARKIN AS CHAIR AND GENO MARTINI AS VICE-CHAIR, SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THREE (3) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MEMBER DORTCH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 1, 2007, RPGB LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THREE (3) MEMBERS PRESENT.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

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

Rosanna Coombes, Interim regional planning Director, reviewed Assembly Bill (AB) 57. It was introduced by Assemblyman Manendo addressing crosswalks near schools in the region. Ms. Coombes stated that this change to the statute would make it so that cars can't stop or park within twenty feet of any crosswalk. There may be an issue for mid-block crosswalks and parking in downtown areas. Ms. Coombes stated that no other local government staff was in the room when this item came up and that Regional Planning staff has alerted all of the local government staffs in case they feel they need to do something about it. It may have an implication for TOD corridors and centers and how local governments go about implementing strategies in those areas.

Member Dortch asked if a position needs to be taken on this issue. Member Martini responded no.

Ms. Coombes reviewed AB 160 and stated that it would affect the annexation provisions in statute. Currently there is a provision in statute that allows for the three jurisdictions to enter into an inter-local agreement to transfer the city annexation duties to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC). This change would revoke that ability and would require the local governments to create a new City Annexation Commission. It would also transfer the executive officer responsibilities from the Director of Regional Planning to the County Manager.

Member Martini asked what this would do to the settlement agreement.

Member Dortch talked about the fiscal impact and structure change that this would have and stated that the City of Reno took a position to oppose this item yesterday. Chair Larkin and Member Martini agreed to take a position to oppose this item.

Ms. Coombes clarified that there are other provisions in the bill that make further changes for noticing of people in the unincorporated county and it also impacts provisions regarding voluntary annexation.

Member Martini asked whose bill this is. Member Dortch responded that it is Assemblywoman Parnell's. Member Martini asked who is pushing Parnell to do this. Member Dortch, Ms. Coombes, and Chair Larkin responded that they do not know.

Chair Larkin stated that County staff has not brought this to the commission and asked when it was introduced. Patricia Rogers, Community Outreach Assistant, responded that it was read on the floor on February 23, 2007. Member Dortch stated that it was in their packet.

Member Dortch stated that the bottom line is that there is nothing wrong with the way annexation is being handled now. Chair Larkin and Member Martini agreed.

MEMBER DORTCH MADE A MOTION TO OPPOSE AB160, SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THREE (3) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ms. Coombes asked for confirmation that the vote was unanimous. Chair Larkin responded that it was unanimous. Ms. Coombes clarified that the way the sub-committee was set up, Regional Planning staff is not to take direction unless it is a unanimous decision.

Ms. Coombes distributed copies of draft language prepared by Washoe County as it relates to the non-contiguous annexation BDR that the County is carrying for the region. Ms. Coombes stated that it is

consistent with the direction that each of the jurisdictions provided under the settlement agreement and consistent with the action that the RPGB has taken in signing on to the settlement agreement.

Chair Larkin asked if this item has been introduced. Ms. Rogers responded that it has not been read on the floor yet.

Ms. Coombes reported that Regional Planning staff did present the safe walking routes to school paper to Assembly Transportation and received very favorable feedback on the work done on the project. Assembly Transportation did not provide any additional requirements.

6. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Coombes reviewed future meeting dates for the Legislative Sub-Committee.

Member Dortch stated that he will not be able to attend the meeting on March 15.

Chair Larkin asked if all three members must be in attendance. Ms. Coombes responded that they can have a quorum of two but if direction is to be given to staff, it must be a unanimous action.

The meeting time for March 15 was changed to 1:00 p.m.

7. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBER DORTCH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:32 A.M., SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THREE (3) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Rosanna Coombes, Interim Director
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Robert Larkin, Chair
Regional Planning Governing Board

APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD IN SESSION ON
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