



REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD

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Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2005

The Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB) met in regular session in the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Carrigan at 2:05 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll, and Regional Planning Governing Board Members in attendance were: Mike Carrigan, Dwight Dortch, Jim Galloway, Dan Guston for Pierre Hascheff, Robert Larkin, Geno Martini, and Bonnie Weber. Member Bob Cashell arrived at 2:08 p.m. Member Dave Aiazzi arrived at 2:18 p.m. Member Ron Schmitt arrived at 2:24 p.m. Members absent were: Pierre Hascheff.

Also present were: Dave Ziegler, TMRPA Director; Norman Azevedo, Legal Counsel; Randy Baxley, TMRPA; Patricia Rogers, TMRPA; Lora Richards, TMRPA; and Mary Kuechler, TMRPA.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dave Ziegler, Director of Regional Planning, stated that the minutes listed for approval under Agenda Item 4 have already been approved and there is no need to address that item at this meeting.

MEMBER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 12, 2005, RPGB AGENDA AS AMENDED, SECONDED BY MEMBER DORTCH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Member Larkin led the salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Member Cashell arrived at 2:08 p.m.]

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 10, 2005, regular meeting

N/A

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Toni Harsh and Susan Lynn spoke in support of placing a BRI Energy presentation on the next RPGB agenda.

6. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

- A. PUBLIC HEARING - Consideration and possible adoption of Regional Planning Governing Board Resolution 05-04 amending the Regional Plan by incorporating three amendments related to Washoe County's Spanish Springs Area Plan update: 1) expanding the boundary of the Truckee Meadows Service Areas (TMSA) to include two parcels (APNs 076-360-02 and -03), an area of ±552 acres located approximately 750 feet east of Pyramid Highway and one mile north of Calle de la Plata; 2) expanding the boundary of the TMSA to include the southern third of one parcel (APN 089-160-03), an area of ±220 acres, located west of the Spanish Springs airport and north and east of Eagle Canyon Drive; and 3) amending Regional Plan Policy 1.3.3, which restricts the size, intensity, and separation of non-residential development in the TMSA outside a city's sphere of influence.

Randy Baxley, Senior Planner, reviewed the proposed amendments. Mr. Baxley stated that on April 27, 2005, the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) held a public hearing in consideration of these amendments and voted unanimously to adopt RPC Resolution 05-05, recommending adoption of the proposed amendments.

[Member Aiazzi arrived at 2:18 p.m.]

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

[The public hearing was closed.]

MEMBER AIAZZI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN AMENDMENT #1, SECONDED BY MEMBER GALLOWAY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

MEMBER AIAZZI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN AMENDMENT #2, SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

MEMBER AIAZZI MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN AMENDMENT #3 REFLECTING OPTION D, SECONDED BY MEMBER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

[Member Schmitt arrived at 2:24 p.m.]

- B. Status report by representatives of Washoe County School District (WCSD) regarding rollover bond program and related items.

Jody Mays, WCSD, reviewed the current enrollment projection in the district and how it relates to the facility planning process.

[Member Larkin left at 2:26 p.m.]

Mark Stanton, WCSD, presented information regarding the bond program and the increasing construction costs.

[Member Larkin returned at 2:45 p.m.]

Member Galloway thanked Mr. Stanton and the operations team from the school district for their work.

Chair Carrigan asked Mr. Stanton if he has looked into renovating existing buildings for schools. Mr. Stanton responded that they have talked about it and will pursue that opportunity.

Chair Carrigan stated that the place to start regarding dedication of land is with Washoe County, Reno and Sparks when approving developments. Keeping land for schools at the price it was at the time a development is approved should be a negotiable item in the handbook.

[Member Schmitt left at 2:50 p.m.]

Member Weber suggested that the school board take a more active role at the Citizen and Neighborhood Advisory Boards.

[Member Guston left at 2:51 p.m.]

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Review and possible acceptance of the third quarter progress report on the FY 04-05 budget and work program.

Mary Kuechler, Administrative Services Manager, stated that the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) is under budget and recommended acceptance of the third quarter report as well as a budget amendment to transfer \$5,000 from group account 6200 (benefits) to group account 6300 (services and supplies).

[Member Schmitt returned at 2:52 p.m.]

MEMBER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY MEMBER CASHELL. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. REPORTS

- A. Members' and Director's reports.

None

- B. Legal counsel's report - Status report and possible direction to staff on:

- 1) Washoe County's petition for judicial review of the certification of Reno's annexation program as conforming with the Regional Plan.

Mr. Azevedo stated that he is reviewing a revised settlement agreement and will send comments to the TMRPA.

- 2) Nevada Supreme Court Case No. 37947.

Mr. Azevedo stated that he has not yet received a decision on this case.

- 3) City of Sparks appeal to the Regional Planning Governing Board regarding Washoe County's adoption of the updated Spanish Springs Area Plan.

Mr. Azevedo stated that he is hopeful, based on today's decision, that this appeal will be dismissed by the parties.

- C. Legislative report - Status report and possible direction to staff on selected bills and resolutions of the 2005 session of Nevada's legislature.

Mr. Ziegler stated that the RPGB Legislative Subcommittee met just prior to this meeting. Mr. Ziegler reviewed direction from the Legislative Subcommittee on the bills discussed.

Member Aiazzi asked what the tribe's stance is on AB 440. Chair Carrigan stated that his understanding is that the tribe and the City of Fernley are opposed to AB 440. The intent of the Legislative Subcommittee is to stay neutral on it since it is a county to county issue.

Member Weber stated that when Washoe County heard this, there was no indication that the tribe was opposed to it.

Mr. Ziegler stated that representatives of the tribe did express certain concerns at a work session on April 15, 2005. Nevertheless, the committee passed it unanimously.

Member Galloway asked if the bill has been narrowed down to a smaller amount of land than it was originally. Mr. Ziegler responded that it was passed as introduced.

Member Galloway stated that Washoe County's initial support on this bill was premised on restrictions being placed on the use of land that would be transferred from one county to the other. It turned out that the legislature was unwilling to place those restrictions on it and so Washoe County said as an alternate the county would support reduction of the area to an area where the developer themselves would put those restrictions on the property. Member Galloway stated that Washoe County is not in a position were it would endorse the bill as it is.

- D. Report on Truckee Meadows Growth Task Force.

Mr. Ziegler stated that the Task Force has received a detailed briefing on the Regional Plan and on the 2030 Transportation Plan.

Member Larkin stated that the Board of Washoe County Commissioners took action to approve up to \$25,000 for the Task Force if the other two entities would also contribute to that amount.

Chair Carrigan stated that he would want some questions answered regarding the Task Force before committing to a contribution.

9. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Consideration and possible action on calendar of agenda items.

Mr. Ziegler reviewed tentative agenda items for the June and July RPGB meetings. Mr. Ziegler stated that Member Galloway has requested that the June 9 agenda include a briefing from representatives of BRI Energy on the potential production of electricity and ethanol from organic waste streams.

Member Galloway stated that he has no connection with BRI Energy. Those attending a meeting with a representative from BRI Energy felt that this would be worthwhile to give a wider audience.

MEMBER GALLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CALENDAR OF AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING THE BRI ENERGY PRESENTATION IN JUNE, SECONDED BY MEMBER WEBER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

- B. Members' and director's requests for agenda items.

None

10. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Consideration and possible acceptance of individual annual reports submitted by local governments and affected entities pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 278.0286.
 - 1) City of Reno
 - 2) Washoe County School District
 - 3) Reno Redevelopment Agency
 - 4) Airport Authority of Washoe County
 - 5) Regional Water Planning Commission
 - 6) Regional Transportation Commission
 - 7) Washoe County District Health Department, Air Quality Management Division
 - 8) Washoe County District Health Department, Environmental Health Services Division
 - 9) Washoe County
 - 10) City of Sparks/Sparks Redevelopment Agency (joint)
 - 11) RSCVA (tentative)
 - 12) Waste Management

Member Aiazzi asked Patricia Rogers, Community Outreach Assistant, if the annual reports are analyzed or simply compiled. Ms. Rogers responded that Regional Planning staff does do some analysis of the information in the individual reports.

Member Aiazzi asked if there will be anything in the final annual report from Regional Planning staff as to whether the individual reports are accurate. Ms. Rogers responded that information on analysis done by Regional Planning staff will be provided. All of the information that is put together by Regional Planning staff will be sent back to each of the submitters for review.

Mr. Ziegler stated that he has noticed a couple of factual errors in reading through the reports and he intends to raise those with the local governments at a staff level to try and resolve them before coming to the RPGB with a summary report.

Member Aiazzi expressed concern regarding the statement in Washoe County's report that certain elements of the Regional Plan do not apply to them in areas that are not in an unincorporated planning jurisdiction. All of Washoe County has to apply the regional goals. There are things that the County can do to help in those areas.

Member Weber stated that she likes Mr. Ziegler's suggestion to go back to the entities to address concerns.

Mr. Ziegler suggested that Regional Planning staff work with local governments or affected entities on possible factual errors. As to questions of interpretation and opinion, the summary report should be as objective, impartial and neutral in its tone as possible to avoid value judgments and opinions. Regional Planning staff can also provide commentary and staff observations in the nature of a cover memo.

MEMBER DORTCH MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS, SECONDED BY MEMBER AIAZZI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MEMBER DORTCH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 3:18 P.M., SECONDED BY MEMBER AIAZZI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

David S. Ziegler, Director
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Mike Carrigan, Chair
Regional Planning Governing Board

APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD IN SESSION ON _____, 2005