The Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB) met in regular session at the Reno City Council Chambers, 1 East First Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Berkbigler at 2:00 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

The clerk called the roll and RPGB Members in attendance were: Marsha Berkbigler, Donald Abbott, Charlene Bybee *(present at 2:06 p.m.)*, Naomi Duerr, Vaughn Hartung, Jeanne Herman, Devon Reese, Ed Lawson, Bonnie Weber *(present at 2:05 p.m.)*

RPGB Members absent: Jenny Brekus

Non-voting Member Katy Simon Holland, Washoe County School District, was also present.

Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) staff present: Kimberly H. Robinson, Executive Director of Regional Planning; Norman Azevedo, Legal Counsel; Jessica Prunty, Legal Counsel; Lauren Knox; Nate Kusha; Jeremy Smith; Chjohnny Sousa; Chris Tolley

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Michael Moreno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **[For possible action] APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MEMBER HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER ABBOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Kazmierski, EDAWN, discussed the importance of addressing the issue of affordable housing.

Tammy Holt-Still discussed the need to address the flooding issues in the North Valleys.

5. **BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

A. **[For possible action] Presentation, update and possible action regarding the Truckee Meadows Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability from Enterprise Community Partners**
Kimberly H. Robinson, Executive Director of Regional Planning, presented information included in the staff report and introduced the presentation to be given by Enterprise Community Partners.

Chris Kizzie and Anne Jordan, Enterprise Community Partners, gave the presentation which included an overview of the needs and challenges faces the region around affordable housing, as well as the many actions the region could take to alleviate some of these challenges over the next ten years. Mr. Kizzie and Ms. Jordan also answered questions from RPGB members.

Public Comment:
Sharon Zadora expressed appreciation for the work done on the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability.

Nancy Brown discussed the need for affordable housing.

J.D. Klippenstein expressed support for the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability.

Michael Moreno expressed support for the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability.

Grant Simms expressed support of the initial findings of the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability.

Kristin McNeil discussed the importance of affordable housing.

Eric Novak expressed support for the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability.

Sherry Jamison discussed the need for affordable housing and expressed support for the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability.

Nick Cheeker expressed appreciation for the work done on the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability.

Sharon Chamberlain submitted comments in support of the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability but was not present to speak.

Mary submitted comments in support of the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability but was not present to speak.

Steve Aichroth, Administrator for the State of Nevada Housing Division, submitted a letter that was read into the record in support of the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability.

Ken Krater expressed support for the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability.

Kevin Dick expressed appreciation for the efforts in developing the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability.
Amy Jones expressed appreciation for the support of the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability.

Chair Berkbigler asked about some of the regulatory barriers that need to be addressed from the County’s perspective.

Member Hartung stated that the two main hurdles are density and transit. Adding density is of no value if it is not coupled with transit.

Chair Berkbigler asked about planning codes that require additional hoops to jump through that can be addressed.

Member Duerr stated the Reno Housing Task Force has initiated development of ordinance changes that will facilitate development and speed up housing.

Member Lawson stated he would like to bring this back to each entity and suggested a joint meeting for the entities to come together and discuss it. He also suggested changing the name of the Reno Housing Authority to the Regional Housing Authority.

Chair Berkbigler stated that the Housing Authority should also have representatives from the County and Sparks.

Member Herman suggested looking into eliminating building permit fees.

Member Hartung suggested looking at transitional housing as well.

MEMBER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY MEMBER HARTUNG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

B. [For possible action] Discussion and possible action regarding schools (Projects of Regional Significance, school facilities plan, and/or Regional Plan policies and map)

Norm Azevedo, Legal Counsel, presented information on this item outlining options available to the RPGB and the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) recommendations.

Katy Simon Holland, Washoe County School District, stated that the school district is anxious to be participants in having better planning earlier in the process. We want to make sure we are phasing school construction with where the jurisdictions need us to provide schools for the housing that is being developed.

Member Duerr discussed concerns with the facilities plan option and suggesting going with the last option outlined by legal counsel to form a sub-committee, which could be a joint sub-committee with members of the RPC, to further deliberate and consider this item. She suggested herself, Member Hartung and Member Lawson to represent the three jurisdictions on that sub-committee.
Member Bybee discussed the possibility of the facilities plan option being able to address the issues and provide the needed checks and balance.

Members Duerr and Hartung explained their concerns and expressed support for the sub-committee option to meet with the RPC.

Ms. Simon Holland asked that a representative of the school board participate in the sub-committee as well. She agreed that something stronger than what we have now with facilities planning is needed but the project of regional significance option is too late in the process to make it financially effective for the people of the county.

Public Comment:

Gail Miller expressed support for the suggested sub-committee.

Darla Lee expressed support for more oversite in the planning process for schools in the future.

Wesley Griffin expressed support for more oversite in the planning process for schools.

Tammy Holt-Still discussed the need for schools to be reviewed and infrastructure issues to be addressed.

MEMBER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO FORM A SUB-COMMITTEE TO MEET JOINTLY WITH THE RPC TO FURTHER DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER THE CONCEPT OF HOW TO BEST PLAN FOR SCHOOLS AND COME UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO BRING BACK TO THE RPGB. MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE MEMBER DUERR, MEMBER LAWSON, MEMBER HARTUNG, AND KATY SIMON HOLLAND. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MEMBER HARTUNG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. REPORTS

A. [For possible action] Members’ and Director’s reports
   i. NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: June 13, 2019

Director Robinson reported on the progress made on the Regional Plan Update.

The next regular RPGB meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2019.

B. [For possible action] Legal counsel’s report

None

C. [For possible action] WCSD Board of Trustees Member report

None

7. [For possible action] REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Member Lawson suggested looking into making the school district representative a voting member of the RPGB.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tammy Holt-Still discussed the need for infrastructure issues to be addressed.

9. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. [For possible action] ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Reviewed by:                              Approved by:

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Kimberly H. Robinson, Executive Director   Chair
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency   Regional Planning Governing Board

APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD IN SESSION ON
8/18/2019.