

TAC Members

**MINUTES
2007 REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, December 1, 2006**

Nevada System of Higher Education

Palomino Valley General Improvement District

Regional Transportation Commission

Regional Water Planning Commission

City of Reno

Reno Redevelopment Agency

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority

Sierra Pacific Power Company

South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District

City of Sparks

Sparks Redevelopment Agency

Sun Valley General Improvement District

Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Truckee Meadows Water Authority

Washoe County

Washoe County Department of Water Resources

Washoe County District Health Department, Air Quality Management Division

Washoe County District Health Department, Environmental Health Services Division

Washoe County HOME Consortium

Washoe County School District

Waste Management, Inc.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met in the Sun Valley General Improvement District Board Room, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd., Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Rosanna Coombes, Interim Director of Regional Planning, at 2:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll, and TAC members in attendance were: John Hester, City of Reno; Jim Rundle, City of Sparks & Sparks Redevelopment Agency; Mark Sullivan, Sierra Pacific Power Co.; Jerry Schumacher, South Truckee Meadows GID; Diana Langs, Sun Valley GID; Hilary Lopez, Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Adrian Freund, Washoe County; Jeanne Ruefer, Washoe County Dept. Of Water Resources; Duane Sikorski, Washoe County District Health Dept. (Air Quality); Mike Boster, Washoe County School District; Rosanna Coombes, TMRPA.

Member Dean Schultz, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority, arrived at 2:20 p.m.

Members absent were: Harold Shotwell, Palomino Valley GID; Debra Goodwin, Regional Transportation Commission; Greg Dennis, Regional Water Planning Commission; Jodi Royal-Goodwin, Reno Redevelopment & HOME Consortium; Scott Nebesky, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; Robert Lickenstein, Nevada System of Higher Education; Jeanne Rucker, Washoe County District Health Dept. (Solid Waste); and Greg Martinelli, Waste Management.

Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency staff present were: Rosanna Coombes, Lora Richards and Patricia Rogers.

Also present were: Susan Speth-Briganti from Corporate Solutions, Inc.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MEMBER LANGS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY MEMBER HESTER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH 11 (ELEVEN) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tina Nappe expressed her appreciation to the TAC members and those in attendance at the meetings for their dedication and efforts to update the plan. Ms. Nappe stated her desire to see all areas of concern addressed by the TAC.

4. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

A. Review feedback from stakeholders, TAC members, legal counsel, and the public open house on Modules 1 (regional form and pattern), 2 (natural resource management), 3 (public services and infrastructure), 4 (plan implementation), and all appendices, maps, and introductory sections of the plan.

Ms. Coombes introduced Susan Speth-Briganti, Corporate Solutions, Inc., the facilitator for the meeting. Ms. Briganti reviewed the objectives for the meeting which included final approval of all four modules and appendices; discuss feedback, discuss the population estimate and how to represent it, review correspondence from Tina Nappe, Norman Azevedo and TMRPA staff.

At this time, approximately 2:20 p.m., Member Dean Schultz arrived.

Ms. Speth-Briganti requested members to report feedback received from stakeholders. Comments and suggestions included:

- Members Hester did not request comment from Planning Commissioners nor Council since both bodies would be voting on this issue.
- Member Rundle reported updates were provided to Commissioners and Council members as they were received.
- Member Freund announced discussions would be held with the Planning Commissioners regarding graphs in December. The Board of County Commissioners plans to discuss the aspects of the Regional Plan with regard to County partnership and corridor infill on December 12, 2006.
- Member Sullivan announced the Regional Utility Corridor Update Committee has scheduled a meeting to provide recommendations to the TAC.
- Member Lang stated comments would be provided after December 14, 2006.
- Member Lopez reviewed the meeting plans that address issues.
- Member Schultz stated the Board of Trustees was pleased with the recognition the airport facilities have received.

Ms. Speth-Briganti requested members to review the written comments received at the Public Open House held on November 30, 2006.

Lora Richards, TMRPA, addressed Module #1, Policy 1.2.11, “(10) include development and design standards that support higher density and intensity surrounding TOD Corridors, . . .” She stated the word “surrounding” was questioned at the Public Open House and requested to know the intent of the policy.

Member Freund favored the word “surrounding” since areas should support the functions of the corridors.

Member Lang stated concerns were valid with regard to citizens and their expectations with the surrounding area plans.

Members discussed adjacency standards, boundary lines and surrounding higher densities to support the corridors. Members agreed to delete the word “higher”.

Member Hester addressed Module #1, page 4, and requested to use the suggestion made by Tina Nappe to use the list of examples from the target 2010.

Tina Nappe discussed the need to address the clean air process in the plan.

Ms. Coombes addressed Draft E in Module #2, Policy 2.6.2 and the goal relating to air quality standards.

Member Hester suggested adding encouraging goals for local governments to include development of renewable energy resources.

Member Freund favored more facilitating and encouraging policies addressing certification and the use of low impact development approaches.

Members agreed to add language addressing renewable energy to the policies in Module #1.

Stacey Crowley addressed Module #1, Policy 1.2.21 and requested to add the language “Sustainable design and construction” to the bullet point list and wherever this policy appears.

Ms. Nappe recommended adding the language “promote, support and encourage the practice of sustainable design and construction” to the Planning Principles in Module #2 and Module #3 and to Module #4, Policy 4.1.6. Members agreed to the changes as recommended.

Ms. Nappe stated there was a need to address work force housing and affordable housing.

Member Freund noted all three jurisdictions have initiated a process to assess housing needs and the existing required annual report. Members discussed reporting mechanisms, the location of workforce housing near jobs and transit corridors, green buildings and bonuses for energy efficiency.

Ms. Nappe addressed water and the acquisition and development of land. She recommended that the plan state to outside individuals that this is a land plan not a water plan and to recognize the need to review water availability before annexation. Ms. Nappe encouraged the use of solar energy, the utilization of incentives and supporting legislation.

Member Langs requested that the regional plan address garbage. Members questioned whether the issue should be addressed in the regional plan and if it would be effective. After some discussion, it was decided to not address garbage in the regional plan.

Ms. Speth-Briganti requested comments regarding the Open House Feedback Form.

Member Lopez requested the language as amended in Model #1, page 1, the fourth bullet be used in similar wording where found in the regional plan.

Member Freund noted that some levels of communication may be sensitive and the Regional Plan does not protect ridgelines.

Member Sullivan noted the lack of education with regard to the comments received on the open house forms. Members noted that the public does not understand who is responsible and for what.

Rosanna Coombes stated future plans are to provide reader friendly draft plans with graphics for better public education. It was suggested the public provide printed comments.

Rosanna Coombes announced a workshop would be held in mid-December with the Planning Commission, to include the final version of the draft plan and feedback from both open houses.

Ms. Coombes reviewed the comments provided by Legal Council, Norman Azevedo. Members agreed to adding the language “encouraging development” to Module #1, Page 5, first bullet and recommend to Norman Azevedo to discuss these issues with legal council as referred.

Members reviewed the request made by Hilary Lopez, Truckee Meadows Water Authority agreed to delete the table and use the original language.

Rosanna Coombes reviewed the recommended changes based on settlement agreements and the request to draft language which is contained in Policy 1.2.17.

5. Discussion on TAC meeting schedule and process to complete the plan and forward it to the Regional Planning Commission for consideration.

Lora Richards discussed the future TAC meeting schedule.

6. Written correspondence


There was no written correspondence presented for review, under this agenda item.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,



Rosanna Coombes, Director

Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

FILED ON

2/22, 2008.