



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

Regional Planning Commission (RPC) REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, 6:30 P.M., September 14, 2005

The Regional Planning Commission 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 Lokken at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and the following Commissioners were present: Fred Lokken, Oscar Sanders, Randy Barton, Marge Frandsen, Kendall Mattina, Marvin Moss, Jim Newberg, and Steve Rogers. Commissioners absent were: William Weber.

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMISSIONER MATTINA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2005, RPC AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROGERS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

- A. Consideration and possible adoption of RPC Resolution 05-06, resolution of appreciation for the service of Terry K. Herman as a member of the RPC.

Dave Ziegler, Director of Regional Planning, read RPC Resolution 05-06.

WHEREAS, Terry K. Herman served as a member of the Regional Planning Commission from July 2000 to June 2005, representing the City of Reno; and

WHEREAS, Terry Herman served as chair of the Regional Planning Commission from July 2003 to June 2004 and as vice-chair from July 2002 to June 2003; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the RPC, Terry Herman participated in many important deliberations, including the 2002 update of the Regional Plan and the settlement of litigation in October 2002;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as chair of the RPC, Terry Herman presided over the implementation of the settlement agreement; important joint workshops with the Regional Water Planning Commission; Regional Plan amendments related to utility corridors and resort areas; revised guidelines for the identification of projects of regional significance; and a very large number of Regional Plan conformance reviews; and

WHEREAS, Terry Herman approached his duties on the Regional Planning Commission with great diligence and thoughtfulness and was always supportive of staff members and his fellow Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Terry Herman's five years of service on the Regional Planning Commission represent a major personal commitment of time and effort to the benefit of all the residents of Washoe County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Planning Commission expresses its gratitude to Terry K. Herman for his conscientious service as a Regional Planning Commissioner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Terry's colleagues on the Regional Planning Commission wish him continued success in all of his personal, professional, and community activities.

COMMISSIONER MOSS MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RPC RESOLUTION 05-06, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROGERS.

Chair Lokken stated that Terry Herman gave a tremendous amount of time and devotion to this process including the Regional Plan update. His leadership on this body was appreciated.

Commissioner Rogers stated that Terry gave his all to the community and that he appreciates Terry's hard work.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

- B. PUBLIC HEARING - Regional Plan Conformance Review - City of Reno Master Plan amendment, McQueen Neighborhood Plan (CR05-025), adopting the McQueen Neighborhood Plan as an element of Reno's master plan. The area affected is generally bounded by I-80 to the south, Reno city limits to the north, the western edge of the Somerset development to the west, and the commercial development directly east of McCarran Boulevard between I-80 and Keystone Avenue.

Randy Baxley, Senior Planner, stated that Regional Planning staff did not note any significant conformance issues and recommends a determination of conformance, based on the findings in the staff report.

Commissioner Mattina asked about the different areas of land use designations. Mr. Baxley responded that it is fairly common to find various land use designations in Reno's neighborhood plans that don't necessarily match the current master plan. Over time the city master plan has changed various designations but the neighborhood plan pretty much stays the same.

Fred Turnier, City of Reno, stated that the neighborhood plan is a little more specific than the general city master plan.

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

[The public hearing was closed.]

COMMISSIONER NEWBERG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MCQUEEN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN (CR05-025), SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MATTINA. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

- C. Status report on 2007 update of the Regional Plan, including consideration and possible appointment of additional members to the technical advisory committee.

Mr. Ziegler reviewed the status of the update process. Mr. Ziegler stated that the Reno Sparks Indian Colony has nominated Scott Nebesky as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Paul Kanitra as an alternate. Mr. Ziegler recommended that the RPC appoint the Reno Sparks Indian Colony TAC members as nominated.

COMMISSIONER FRANSDEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT THE RENO SPARKS INDIAN COLONY NOMINEES TO THE TAC, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROGERS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Mr. Ziegler stated that there will be a facilitated discussion of the issues and a prioritization of the issues going into the update at the September 28 RPC meeting. Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB) and TAC members will participate in that joint meeting.

Chair Lokken suggested that video taping the update meetings would help bring people up to date that come into the process mid-way. Mr. Ziegler stated that he will speak with Regional Planning staff regarding that possibility.

Mr. Ziegler reviewed the tentative list of issues for the 2007 Regional Plan update.

Chair Lokken asked about the boundaries of the service area. Mr. Ziegler responded that his hope is that through the process set out in the new settlement agreement those boundaries can be settled fairly early on.

Commissioner Frandsen stated that there should be a lot of discussion regarding flood plains. It is very appropriate to incorporate language into the Regional Plan that deals with development within the flood plain. Mr. Ziegler stated that there may be a gap between the policies of our plan and the policies of the Regional Water Planning Commission (RWPC) and we may need to work with them to close that gap.

Commissioner Rogers stated that the term rural area may need to be redefined. We should study what we have inside the McCarran ring and see if we can do a better job of using the land properly. The water planning, land planning and traffic planning should work as one. Commissioner Rogers also expressed concern regarding the proper use of water.

Commissioner Newberg asked about conformance regarding the idea of coordinating with a wider economic region. Mr. Ziegler responded that it is not an issue of conformance. It is more a matter of communication and coordination.

Mr. Ziegler stated that the RPGB gave clear direction to make sure all the neighboring jurisdictions are on the mailing list for the update.

Chair Lokken stressed the importance of staying on time with this update. Mr. Ziegler stated that the RPGB does want to get buy-in on the principles early on in the process. That will then help streamline the process.

Chair Lokken stated that there should be discussion at the TAC level regarding agreement on a time table for compliance and conformance. In terms of our future economic viability, we need to look at inventories on land for commercial, industrial and manufacturing. There needs to be coordination with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and RWPC or a clarification of language that explains non-conformance and the circumstances and ramifications of non-conformance. The issue of what is appropriate in urban and unincorporated development needs to be addressed. The appropriate provider of services for unincorporated versus incorporated areas should also be addressed.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Discussion and possible action to amend the RPC bylaws regarding consent calendar and order of business.

Mr. Ziegler stated that a notice of intent to amend and add to the bylaws was adopted at the last RPC meeting. Mr. Ziegler reviewed the amendments.

COMMISSIONER FRANSEN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED BY STAFF, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NEWBERG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, AND LEGAL COUNSEL INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Director's report:

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

Mr. Ziegler reviewed actions taken at the August and September RPGB meetings.

- 2) Report on Truckee Meadows Growth Task Force

Mr. Ziegler stated that the Task Force has prepared draft principles related to growth and development in the region. The Task Force feels that their biggest impacts in the region could be in community investment funds and affordable housing.

- B. Legal counsel's report:

- 1) Status report and possible direction to staff on Washoe County's petition for judicial review of the certification of Reno's annexation program as conforming with the Regional Plan

Mr. Azevedo stated there was a status conference with Judge Hardesty last Friday regarding the program of annexation. During that status conference it became clear that there are some issues regarding implementation of the settlement regarding that program. Another status conference has been scheduled.

7. REQUESTS FOR AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review of tentative calendar of agenda items.

Mr. Ziegler reviewed tentative agenda items for the September 28 and October 12 RPC meetings.

B. Review of 12-month calendar of projected RPC and RPGB actions.

Mr. Ziegler stated that the 12-month calendar will be updated quarterly.

8. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lokken adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Reviewed by:

Approved by:

Dave Ziegler, Director
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Fred Lokken, Chair
Regional Planning Commission

**APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN SESSION ON
_____, 2005.**