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MINUTES

**GENERAL PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE
1125 THIRD STREET, NAPA, CA
(Napa County Hall of Justice Training Room, 2nd Floor)**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2006 – 2:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Peter McCrea called the meeting to order and roll was called alphabetically.

Present

Tom Andrews, Debra Blodgett, Mary Ellen Boyet, Jon-Mark Chappellet, Stephen Cuddy, Tom Gamble, Michael Haley, James Hendrickson, Conrad Hewitt, Guy Kay, Carol Kunze, Peter McCrea, Carole Meredith, Beth Painter, Carol Poole, Jeff Reichel, Brad Simpkins, Stuart Smith, Bob Torres and Duane Wall

Absent

George Bachich at the time of roll and later arrived during item 4, Carole Meredith at the time of roll and later arrived during item 2.

Staff Present

Laura Anderson, Hillary Gitelman, Howard Siegel, Patrick Lynch, Patrick Lowe, Steve Lederer, Nancy Johnson, Bruce Wilson and Lori Maher

Excused

Carol Poole

PMC

Eric Norris and Kendall Flint and Janet Palma

- 2. Public Comment** – Barry Cromartie, Planning Director for the City of American Canyon announced his commitment to become more involved personally and professionally with County's General Plan Update. He noted that American Canyon has approved a \$315,000 budget amendment for the Building and Planning Department and in that budget, there is a position earmarked for a contract planner to do specific General Plan work. Barry is looking forward to seeing and working with the group and hopes to create more win-win situations.
- 3. Update From City Representative** – Carol Poole – None
- 4. Summary of EIR Scoping Comments** – Hillary Gitelman explained that, after reviewing the public comments received and with considerable thought, the conclusion of the deliberations is a recommendation to consolidate the 7 original alternatives into 5

without losing the original concept or ideas that were inherent in the range and to not lose the flexibility that was there. Hillary's staff report allowed the committee to view both the original and the changes that were made in order to help the group with further decisions, discussions and/or questions. She reviewed the changes with the group and answered questions. After several suggestions and agreements for change, Hillary verbally noted the changes back to the group for clarity and roll was called to vote individually whether or not to approve the revised alternatives as discussed.

Motion: Made by Conrad Hewitt to approve the recommendations of staff in regards to the changes that the group discussed.

Second: Debra Blodgett

Vote: AIF

5. **Revised Master Schedule** – Hillary Gitelman & Howard Siegel

a) Overview of Project Schedule

Howard Siegel explained the process with reference to the master schedule and how the group will come back to each element in the process of change. There will be three rounds for each element that the committee will be able to express their thoughts and concerns about. Any changes to the schedule will have to be made as they come up.

Howard noted that Staff will go before the Planning Commission (on 1/18/06) and the Board of Supervisors (on 1/24/06) for their comments before the EIR Alternatives are finalized.

It was noted that Staff is recommending that the committee vote to approve a meeting schedule for the 2006 calendar year at this time with an allowance to make changes as needed.

b) Approval of 2006 Meeting Schedule

Debra Blodgett noted that she would be unable to attend the special meeting on May 10th.

Motion: Made by Duane Wall to approve the 2006 meeting schedule

Second: Conrad Hewitt

Vote: AIF

6. **Other Action Items:**

a) Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 30th w/Attachment A: Safety Element Notes

The group agreed to remove the Implementation in attachment A of the minutes regarding exterior residential sprinklers.

Motion: Made by Guy Kay to approve November minutes with the changes discussed.

Second: Conrad Hewitt

Vote: AIF

b) Approval of Special Meeting on February 1, 2006

This action was completed along with item 5b).

Break – The committee took a 10 minute break at 2:57 PM

7. **Agriculture Preservation & Land Use Element Part 1** – Patrick Lynch explained that there are 5 goals in his staff report and 8 policies on the attachment that are also included in the current General Plan that the group can start with/focus on and agree to keep, change or dismiss.

It was noted that the language in the goals and policies are not written in a way that the group agreed

they would be written in the update of the General Plan.

After discussion and suggestions of changes on the Goals and Policies presented, Staff will be bring back the changes to the February 1st meeting for further discussion.

8. Future Agenda Items

a) Monterey Proposed Conference

Staff distributed information of the Monterey Conference informing the committee that the County would be able to provide transportation by bus although, the individual members of the committee would have to pay the remaining cost of the trip, if they are interested in attending the conference. A signup sheet with the approximate cost of the trip to the members was distributed as staff asked the committee to return a signed copy by January 18th if they are interested attending.

9. Adjourn – 5:13 PM

