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MEETING MINUTES

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE

**NAPA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
2121 IMOLA AVENUE, NAPA, CA**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007 – 1:00 PM

Steering Committee

Members:

Chair

Peter McCrea

Vice Chair

Tom Andrews

George Bachich

Mary Ellen Boyet

Jon-Mark Chappellet

Stephen Cuddy

Debra Dommen

Tom Gamble

Michael Haley

James Hendrickson

Guy Kay

Carol Kunze

Carole Meredith

Beth Painter

Carol Poole

Jeff Reichel

Brad Simpkins

Stuart Smith

William Trautman

Bob Torres

Duane Wall

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Present

Jon-Mark Chappellet, Stephen Cuddy, Mary Ellen Boyet, Debra Dommen, Tom Gamble, Michael Haley, Jim Hendrickson, Guy Kay, Carol Kunze, Peter McCrea, Carole Meredith, Beth Painter, Jeff Reichel, Brad Simpkins, William Trautman, Bob Torres and Duane Wall

Absent

Tom Andrews absent, George Bachich at the time of roll and later arrived during item 3, Carol Poole at the time of roll and later arrived during item 3 and Stuart Smith at the time of roll and later arrived during item 3.

Staff Present

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

PMC

Eric Norris, Pat Angell and Julie Jenson

2. Public Comment – Public comment period will be addressed in item #5.

3. Updates

City Representative – Carol Poole had nothing to report but provided Richard Ramirez, American Canyon City Manager and Vice Mayor, Joan Bennett an opportunity to speak.

Vice Mayor, Joan Bennett apologized for not attending any of the prior meetings and noted that in the scope of things, she hopes that American Canyon and the Committee can come to agreement on things that they currently disagree with.

Richard Ramirez distributed information that included maps of American Canyon to the committee and asked how did the Committee develop the proposed RUL Line?

Hillary noted that the RUL suggestion is based on the current sphere of influence line that has

been adopted by LAFCO. This was discussed with Richard's predecessor and staff in American Canyon. Hillary acknowledged that there is disagreement but feels that the disagreement has been clearly defined and is confident that there is a resolution.

Peter McCrea, Chair asked if he was correct in understanding that this is a decision that LAFCO has to make.

Hillary noted that the County can decide what to put in their General Plan just as the City can decide what to put its General Plan. In her view, the only legally binding line is the one adopted by LAFCO. The Committee acknowledged that they had not given a great deal of attention to the line or how it varies from the City's and LAFCO's.

After further discussion American Canyon representatives noted that they would like to provide more information to the Committee in hopes of coming to an understanding.

4. **Action Items:**

- a) Approval of minutes from the February 28, 2007 meeting

Motion: Made by Guy Kay to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2007 meeting.

Second: Michael Haley

Vote: AIF

5. **Public Hearing:**

Hillary addressed the committee with some introductory remarks before testimony was taken. She asked that if anyone wanted to speak, complete a speaker card, speak loudly and clearly, limit their remarks to two minutes to ensure that everyone who wanted to speak would have time to and to speak only once. Hillary noted that the purpose of the meeting is to listen to the public's and the committee's comments and not to respond to them today but to hear what they are concerned with and have them recorded so we can get a response to them within the planning process. Comments will be taken for the Draft General Plan and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The following list summarizes topics addressed by each speaker. Please see the written transcript for more complete information:

Delmer Fjarli, an Angwin resident representing the Howell Mountain Water Company is concerned with the domestic watersheds in Napa. Delmar distributed recommendations from the Howell Mountain Water Company.

Henry Gundling – Resident of Napa, Vice President and representing the Gasser Foundation believes Environmental Sustainability must guide all our actions conserve energy and promote the use of renewable resources.

Wendy Wallin – Land/Property owner and citizen of the Napa community submitted some suggested language and suggested policies for the Environmental Justice section in Ag/LU Element (Implementation, pg. 86).

Tess & Molly Levine – Representing New Tech High School, expressed the importance of Renewable Energy.

Kellie Anderson – Angwin resident, submitted a package on the evolution of the urban bubble in Angwin for that is one of her concerns. The other is the Viewshed Ordinance.

Ginny Simms – Napa resident is concerned that there is no mention of energy efficiency in the General Plan. Her other concern is with Transitional Zones. She will also submit her comments to the committee in writing.

Elizabeth Pressler – Resident of St. Helena representing Elizabeth Spencer Wines, Owner of commercially zoned property in the Rutherford area. She read from the comments she distributed and submitted, suggesting that an explicit policy be added to appropriate locations within the General Plan and addressing the special needs of Rutherford.

Lois Battuello – St. Helena resident, is concerned that there is a lot of conflicting language in the draft EIR and seems to be driven by specific projects. She distributed handouts to the committee that included the comments and concerns she expressed.

Sally Kensey – Pope Valley resident will be submitting her concerns about the draft General Plan but today wanted to ask about what happens to question and concerns regarding a Measure J vote for Pope Valley? Who decides what's in that vote?

Hillary Gitelman noted that, although this is subject to change, the expectation is that, based on public comment, the Committee would decide whether they wanted to retain the language in the Plan suggesting a Measure J vote. The idea of a vote and ballot language would have to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and placed on a ballot. The Board would have a hearing on the exact wording. Alternatively, they could choose not to put anything on the ballot and leave it to the property owners to do so. This would be a decision that would be made at the end of the day if the idea survives the committee's process.

Peter McCrea – We will be discussing this again at a later date. There will be a specific recommendation from this Committee and the Planning Commission as to whether or not this will go on the ballot.

Gopal Shanker – Resident of Calistoga feels that energy and climate should be a topic of its own and that Napa County should be a net producer of clean energy. He has drafted a plan would like to have the opportunity to share it with the committee.

Hillary asked if anyone on the committee would like to express their comments.

Bill Trautman wanted to note that the proposed General Plan update policies and draft of the EIR was done terrifically and is very helpful in terms of identifying the areas that the committee will be discussing over future meetings.

Tom Gamble felt the committee should support American Canyon's request for a 60 day extension.

Hillary noted that we are all waiting to see what the BOS will do with the comment period and if it does extended past April as anticipated, staff suggests that the committee cancel the April meeting and meet again at the end of May. At that time, we could hear additional testimony.

After comments and discussion on how will the public comments be handled, Hillary let the committee know that staff will devise a plan on how to get all the comments to the committee for review in a way that is not so overwhelming. Staff will also bring a proposed schedule and process for going forward to the Committee for discussion.

8. Future Agenda Items

- a) April 25, 2007 Meeting – Possibly cancel due to the Public Comment period may be extended.
- b) May 30, 2007 Meeting – Public Hearing if the comment period is extended and discussion of the planning process.

9. Adjourn – 2:55 PM