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MINUTES

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2006 – 2:00 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

Conrad Hewitt

Guy Kay

Carol Kunze

Carole Meredith

Beth Painter

Carol Poole

Jeff Reichel

Brad Simpkins

Stuart Smith

Bob Torres

Duane Wall

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Present

Tom Andrews, Mary Ellen Boyet, Jon-Mark Chappellet, Stephen Cuddy, Debra Dommen, Tom Gamble, Michael Haley, Jim Hendrickson, Guy Kay, Carol Kunze, Peter McCrea, Carole Meredith, Carol Poole, Brad Simpkins, Bob Torres and Duane Wall.

Absent

George Bachich, Jeff Reichel, Beth Painter, Conrad Hewitt at the time roll was called and arrived later during item 3, and Stuart Smith at the time roll was called and arrived later during item 2.

Staff Present

Rob Paul, Hillary Gitelman, Howard Siegel, Patrick Lowe, Steven Lederer, John McDowell, Nancy Johnson, John Woodbury and Lori Maher.

PMC

Eric Norris, Kendall Flint and Janet Palma

2. Election of Officers – Chair and Vice Chair

Vote for Chair was in favor of Peter McCrea

Tom Andrews accepted his nomination for Vice Chair and will continue to serve in that position.

- 3. Public Comment** – Duane Cronk addressed the committee once again regarding the Angwin Bubble. Duane's wish is that the committee removes the bubble from their thinking and addresses their attention and recommendations to what actually exist on the ground. He feels the bubble is a fiction and doesn't believe that the general philosophy of the County is consistent with developing agriculture and open space land within the bubble. Duane feels that a map of Angwin is needed that includes the urban area, the entire village as it exists, and the campus. At this time the committee can review and make changes that are consistent with General Plan philosophy.

Peter McCrea, Chair, informed the committee that one of the Steering Committee members will

be resigning as of July 27, 2006. Conrad Hewitt has been appointed Chief Accountant of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington. On behalf of the committee Peter thanked Conrad for his hard work and dedication to the committee and Napa County. The committee wishes Conrad much success in his new position.

4. Updates From

- a) City Representative – No Report
- b) Status of EIR – Hillary explained that we are still on track and that staff will have a substantive update for the committee’s review late in September.
- c) Angwin – Hillary noted that the workshop on the 20th was very well attended with great questions and wanted to hear the opinions of committee members that attended.

Duane Wall felt that Hillary and Howard presented the foundation well but as the Q & A’s began, he felt the crowd began to get a little emotional and later cooled down a bit throughout the process of the Q & A’s. Duane felt that the overall meeting went quite well.

Debra Dommen got the sense that there was a lot of community fear, fear of change and feels that it will take a lot of communication on both parts to see a change. She feels that it is important to find the balance.

Guy Kay felt some of the opinions were hostile to any change. He felt the College is the driving force of all of this and its credibility is paramount to any change. Guy also notes that the president of the College should be involved in all of this.

Hillary informed the group that there is another workshop scheduled for the August 23, 2006 and the sub committee will be meeting before than.

Peter suggested that he and Hillary meet with the president of the College to communicate with them and to understand what their process is.

5. Action Items:

- a) Approval of Minutes from June 28, 2006 Meeting

Motion: Made by Conrad Hewitt

Second: Bob Torres

Vote: Motion Passed, 2 abstained from vote due to absences

6. **Circulation Element** – *Hillary Gitelman & John McDowell, County Staff*

Staff first noted issues that committee felt were questionable or needed discussion. The Committee then gave direction to staff for revisions. The agreed upon changes included:

Page 1

1st Paragraph – Include visitors, employees, services, etc.

Page 2

2nd Paragraph – Replace “retain its rural character” with “remain rural”

2nd Paragraph – Revise to read “investments and expenditures”

In the box – Replace Lake photo with a Napa County Airport photo

Page 3

Observe that our transit share is low (compared to the State), explain why and compare to other rural areas
Text should play down rail and explain where freight rail services are

Page 4

1st Paragraph – The wine train is not a recreational transportation service, lose photo
Add a policy that says something about posted bicycle rules

5th Paragraph – Describe that the sea plane base is not transportation

Page 5

In the box – Lose picture of the wine train

Percentage of through trips for the region grows faster than Napa County

The information for increase in daily vehicle trips should be tied to what we decide for the Circulation Element

Page 6

Percentages in the box don't work – they don't reflect the actual change

Add a row for Deer Park Road

The table on Pages 6 and 8 don't add up – Check 80% flow

Page 7

Add that Wooden Valley road is now a cut through and provides access to the lake and to Hwy 80

1st Paragraph – Check the people trips to reflect the correct number. More balance – include explanation of employees and residents not just visitors

Page 8

Last bullet point – delete the last part of the sentence after the word “noise”

Page 10 & 11, Policy #

- 1.1 Should say “consistent with our policy on urban centered growth”
 - Change “exist” to “can”
- 1.2 Remove and replace with a policy that County and other cities should coordinate to offer seamless network and link transportation coordination with NCLOG and NCTPA
- 1.4 Stop at rural character of the County – Delete last phrase
- 1.5 Change “roadway system” to read “roadway improvements”
 - Add agriculture to the policy
- 1.7 Make this specific to gateways where we are not going to increase capacity
 - Other gateways require careful consideration
 - Use entrance to the County instead of gateways
 - 121 to Sonoma County
 - Petrified Forest Road
 - 128 to Yolo County
 - 29 to Lake County
 - Move this policy to Goal 2
 - Bring this back to the SC with this policy
- 1.8 Add cross reference to Recreation and Open Space policy on “signs” on scenic roads

Page 11, Goal 2

In Circulation Goal 2

- Add employees
- After the word “movement” add “on well maintained roads”
- Take out the word “easy”
- Collectors 2-4 lanes

Page 13, Policy #

Change “Rural Expressway” to “Rural Thoroughway”

- 2.2 Draft two options
 - Specific with factual recommendation of Measure H priorities
 - General – locations that need fixing
 - Add synchronized traffic signals
 - Bring back to Steering Committee

Page 14, Policy #

- 2.3 Use proposed application filed

2.3.1 Add “but not to exceed existing improvements and existing public roads contiguous to project”

Page 15, Policy #

- 2.4 Revise, projects should not be able to make LOS go from D to F
 - Also, projects where LOS is E/F can proceed if they don’t make things worse
 - Revise third bullet to reference delay
- 2.5 Referencing weekend peaks where relevant and don’t signalize for minor approach delays
- 2.6 Impact fees for new developers – Ask Board of Supervisors

Page 16, Policy #

- 2.7 Keep two lanes to Sonoma
- 2.10 Use Public Works standard and add shared parking
- 3.1 Preserve Rail Corridors – take out “existing and historic”

Page 17, Policy #

- 3.3 Omit “innovative and non-traditional approaches to...”
 - 3.3.1 Leave as is
 - 3.E Got dropped and should be added back in
 - 3.4.1 Add “cost effective ground transportation” before “alternatives”
- 3.7 Hours of operation
 - Flex time
 - Coincide with transit services
 Move 3.7 up to follow 3.4
- 3.8 Leave the 1st sentence, and add private mass transit

Page 18, Policy #

- 3.14 Omit

Page 19, Policy #

- 3.16, Revise to say we support continued use of Angwin Airport for aviation
- Add policy re: Maintenance at an appropriate location in the element

At a later meeting, Staff will agendaize review of the Circulation map, two versions of Policy of 2.2 and the “Gateway” policy. The balance of the element (as revised) will be provided to the committee as a hard copy and not necessarily agendaized for discussion again until round three.

7. Future Agenda Items

- a) Agricultural Preservation & Land Use Element – August 30, 2006

Hillary suggested the committee meet twice in September as this element may take two meetings. The committee agreed not to meet twice in September but stick to the regular scheduled meeting with an earlier start time.
- b) Conservation Element – September 27, 2006

8. Adjourn – 5:30 PM