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Minutes

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Thursday, January 27, 2005, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
At the Salinas Valley Builders' Exchange
20 Quail Run Circle, Salinas

Those present:

Mike Caplin, Bob Perkins, Nancy Isakson, Jay Brown, Jim Bogart, Alfred Diaz-Infante, Christopher Bunn Jr., Brian Finegan, Chris Steinbruner, Ron Chesshire, Gwen Miller, Aaron Johnson, Tom Carvey, Sheri Damon

Visitors:

Amy Thoma, Robb McFadden, Paul Johnston

- I. Public comment period (for items not on the agenda)
Public comment: none
- II. Approval of agenda for January 27, 2005
Public comment: none
- III. Approval of minutes from January 13, 2005 and January 20, 2005
Public comment: none
Minutes from January 13, 2005: had not been e-mailed, so this item was tabled.
Minutes from January 20, 2005 were approved as e-mailed.
- IV. Subcommittee reports on "8 of 10" plan
Public comment: none
- V. Discuss administration element
- VI. Schedule for meetings with supervisors
- VII. Other business
 - A. Schedule and preparation for Board of Supervisors' Meetings
Discussion about the schedule posted by County staff for the coming Supervisors' meetings concerning the General Plan. N. Isakson moved, A. Johnson seconded, that the following items be included in a letter to the Board of Supervisors from the RG: (1) The General Plan Update should be written as quickly as possible, as long as this is consistent with writing a high quality plan; (2) county staff should be supplemented to free up the general plan staff to write the plan; and (3) an accelerated time schedule should not include the plan's EIR. M/S/C/U.
T. Carvey will present this on behalf of the RG to the County staff on Tuesday, 2/1/05.

Discussion over whether the County should hire an outside consultant for writing the plan. Consensus was that this would not be the best idea.

There was discussion over whether the County staff should add additional items to be presented to the Board of Supervisors. J. Brown suggested adding trails; routine and ongoing ag; and combining clustering and TDR's into one topic. B. Finegan suggested that city/county agreements are not on the list and should be. The RG has a carefully-worded statement on this that would be helpful. Finally, it was decided to write a letter to the Supervisors and suggest the inclusion of the following issues: combine clustering and TDR's; trails; routine and ongoing ag; city/county agreements; permanent affordable housing; a representative planning commission; and an ag element.

B. Exhibit "A" of the staff report for the Feb. 1, 2005 Board of Supervisors' (BOS) meeting Discussion of options A, B, C and D on the staff report having to do with Land Use. Discussion over the wisdom of dealing with the Land Use element prior to the other elements.

S. Damon suggested a hybrid of B and D. She will work on the language and bring it back to the group. J. Brown said that the 1982 plan doesn't have land use designations such as Community Centers.

M/s/c/u that T. Carvey will write letter to the BOS from RG with the following information:

- i) Nancy's motion (see VII (A) above)
- ii) Change the timing of the land use element
- iii) Possible changes to issues list (see VII (A), pp. 3)
- iv) Include the affiliations of the members of the RG
- v) RG recommendation on affordable housing

Finegan left at about 3:30 p.m. and N. Isakson took over as chair.

C. Discussion about the LandWatch (LW) General Plan

R. Chesshire said there is a section in the administrative section of the LW plan that suggests a living wage. In addition, if an employer employs more than 50 employees, housing would have to be provided. He said that his group is concerned about unattainable housing for working people in the county; wage structure is part and affordability is part. R. Chesshire was asked by the group to formulate a suggested policy and to bring it to this group.

VIII. Agenda building for next week's meeting

IX. Adjournment to meeting of Thursday, February 3, 2005, location to be announced