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Minutes

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Thursday, March 25, 2004

12:00 – 5:00 PM

At the Monterey County Leadership Institute, Garden Road, Monterey

Those present: Kurt Gollnick, Gwen Miller, Mike Antle, Tom Carvey, Bob Perkins, Ralph Riva, Luann Meador, Jay Brown, Chris Bunn Sr. (1:07), Mike Johnston (1:18), Mike Caplin (1:26), Christine Kemp (2:50),

Visitors: Christopher Bunn Jr., Mary Mecartney, David Dilworth, Rick Smith,

Kurt Gollnick called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM

I) Public Comment Period (Public Comment for issues not on the agenda)

Public comment:

David Dilworth, representing Helping Our Peninsula's Environment, made a presentation of his proposal to include a Pesticide Element in the General Plan. David said that pesticide drift is a toxic trespass and that children are affected most strongly. He said that there should be a goal of eliminating pesticide drift. David said he would e-mail his document to Tom Carvey.

Christopher Bunn Jr. said that the General Plan is very long and very complex and suggested a tighter writing style.

II) Approval of agenda for March 25, 2004

Public comment: none

Action: m/s/c/u to accept the agenda as e-mailed

III) Approval of minutes from March 18, 2004

Public comment: none

Action: m/s/c/u to accept the minutes as e-mailed

IV) Economic Impact Analysis: Kurt Gollnick asked why this item was on the agenda.

Tom Carvey said there was a request to add this item during the last meeting.

V) Circulation Element:

Kurt said we should start at page 16 and work forward. Pages previous to this have been approved by the RG already. Bob Perkins kept track of the changes in the committee recommended version.

Starting at C-4, Kurt led the group through the policies in this section.

C-4.7 Strike "require the most efficient use of roadways." Tie "sufficiency" with CPOA language.

Skip C-6
p. 29, goal C-7:
C-8 (airports) deferred

C-9 (trails)

C-9.3: last sentence: before county implements new trail. This was moved from 9.4 to 9.3

C-9.4: change title to strike “buffer.” Bob Perkins said that new development should not have to provide trails. There was discussion about buffers for trails. Mike Johnston said that considering mitigation, whichever comes in later has to mitigate, and that seems to make sense. Ralph Riva said that it looks like trails are driving development, rather than development driving trails. Mike Caplin said that trails usually go to high ground, so that the viewshed concept would make it more difficult for people to use their land. Mike Caplin said that when the policies were put in place in Big Sur, trails were excluded from the scenic prohibitions. This was because the highway is used by millions of people, but trails by few.

Mike Johnston suggested that at end of paragraph, use the language, “In developing mitigation measures, factors include; cost and feasibility, impact of mitigations on the development, noise, dust, public health and safety, and usage of the trail on development. Include this as a last sentence, after the first 2 sentences. Bob Perkins will e-mail the changes to Kurt. m/s/c

C-9.5: Leave as is in GPU3

C-9.6: Mike: add “no net addition.” Mike J moved to accept as drafted today. m/s/c. Strike “the county shall establish equitable geographic distribution.” Carried

C-9.7: Leave as is in GPU3

C-9.4: change title to Trail and Pathway Mitigation Guidelines:

C-9: finished

C-8 airport: Sheryl McKenzie will invite the airport manager to come and speak at a future RG meeting.

C-6: Rail

C-6.1: An integrated system of regional and inter-regional rail service, consistent with the TAMC rail program shall be supported by the County. strike 2nd sentence. m/s/c

C-6.2: Adopted as per today’s modifications.

C-6.3: Impact Mitigation: As per Mike Johnston’s suggestion: “Conflicts between rail movements and other modes on the multimodal transportation network, and sensitive land uses, shall be reduced and mitigated where feasible. Potential impacts include exhaust, noise, vibration and negative impact on public safety.” Mike Caplin suggested, “This policy shall not be construed as precluding use of land for residential purposes.” m/s/c

C-6.4: Noise/Vibration Abatement: Leave as is in GPU3 m/s/c

C-6.5: At-grade Crossings: this shall not be construed to remove crossings that are used by ongoing agricultural use at-grade crossings. m/s/c.

C-10 Funding

- C-10: as per subcommittee recommendation with today's modifications. m/s/c
- C-10.2 Least-cost Transportation Planning: strike. m/s/c add comment that traffic-reducing strategies are already written in another section.
- C-10.3 New Funding Sources: Leave as is in GPU3
- C-10.4: Leave as is in GPU3
- C-10.5: as per subcommittee recommendation with today's modifications
- C-10.6: Five year review: Leave as is in GPU3
- C-10.7: County regional roads: Mike: this policy would re-introduce the traffic shed concept. Strike 1) modifying, etc. otherwise, Leave as is in GPU3 m/s/c
- C-10.9: eliminate everything after "other actions"
- C-10.10: take out dash after "it's"
- C-10.11: Start sentence with "where feasible and appropriate," strike last sentence. m/s/c
- C-10.12: project-related improvements: start with "where there is not an applicable impact fee program, developers shall pay their fair share of road-related improvements. As per Christine's language.
- C-10.13: strike m/s/c

VI)

- C-10.8: Reports from sub-committees
 - A) Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME): no report
 - B) Transportation: part of Circulation
 - C) Land Use: no report
 - D) City/County Agreements: changes between gpu2 and gpu3.
 - E) Public Service: Luann said they are ready to go.
 - F) Update of GPU process
 - G) Update of EIR: no report
 - H) Strategy:
 - Monday, March 29, 2004 meeting:
 - Alfred Diaz-Infante send a message that the Monday meeting had been rescheduled that from 5:00 PM to 10:00 AM at 60 West Market Street, Salinas
 - I) Definitions: Public comment: Rick Smith said that the water definition in GPU3 nebulous.
 - J) Coastal and Inland (Mike Caplin, Kurt Gollnick, Sheryl McKenzie and Nancy Isakson)

VII) Agenda building for next meeting:

VIII) Adjournment to meeting of Thursday, April 1, 2004, 1:00 to 5:00 PM at the Monterey County Association of Realtors office, 201-A Calle Del Oaks, Del Rey Oaks