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Minutes

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Thursday, September 2, 2004, 12:00 to 5:00 PM
at the Salinas Valley Builders' Exchange, 590-A Brunken Ave., Salinas

Those present: Brian Finegan, Christine Gianascol Kemp, Chris Bunn Jr., Jay Brown, Kurt Gollnick, John Narigi, Ralph Riva, Tom Rowley, Juan Uranga, Rene Boskoff, John Bridges, Mike Caplin, Gwen Miller, Rick Smith, Sheri Damon, Sheryl McKenzie, LuAnn Meador.

Visitors: Charles McKee, Scott Hennessy

- I) Public Comment Period (Public Comment for issues not on the agenda)
Public comment: none
- II) Approval of agenda for September 2, 2004
Public comment: none
Agenda approved as e-mailed
- III) Cover Letter for Transmittal of RG work
Brian Finegan pointed out that the last paragraph on the first page of the cover letter and the footnote on page two were redundant. Both referenced the magnitude of the task of reviewing GPU-3, the possibility of error, and reserved the right to make corrections to the submittal.

The RG decided to remove the footnote to eliminate the redundancy.

Tom Rowley moved to send a copy of the RG's work product to all cities in the county. On discussion, Juan Uranga suggested sending only a letter, including an offer to send the entire work product. Motion amended to include Juan's suggestion and passed. A letter similar to the cover letter to the county will be sent to all cities in the county, including an offer to send a copy of work product.

- IV) Housing Element
Final version approved
- V) Administration Element
Discussion re planning commission appointment process. Kurt Gollnick reported on the language for a Representative Planning Commission, with 6 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors from two nominees each by 6 organizations representing major economic and labor interests in the county. The goal is a Planning Commission that is more informed on issues that affect the economic well being of the county and its citizens.

Several questions were raised, namely:

- What would happen if there is no BOS majority vote for one of the nominees?
- What would happen if one of the named organizations is dissolved?

Can the BOS assign any part of their power to appoint the Planning Commission?

After discussion it was decided that the questions re: lack of majority vote and power to appoint PC members would be resolved by including language to the effect that upon lack of majority vote by the BOS for a nominee from an organization, the submitting organization would submit two more nominees for consideration.

As for dissolution of an organization, that can be handled by General Plan amendment.

It was decided that Kurt and Christine will draft new language re no majority vote and new nominees.

John Bridges noted that the process did not provide for nominations by environmental organizations. Discussion about the environmental constituency that has always been well represented on the Planning Commission, and such was expected to continue both with the nominees and with the remaining appointments to the eleven-member commission. Historic underrepresentation on the commission by industry and labor was the problem being addressed. Also, the Representative Planning Commission was being proposed in lieu of another solution such as a separate Agricultural Planning Commission.

The point was made that the proposed Representative Planning Commission would cost the county less money than providing additional staff for a separate Agricultural Planning Commission.

Administrative element discussion on new policy re "Excellence in County Employees." Mike Caplin presented proposed language for a new goal and policies modeled after portions of the state's civil service act. The goal focused on the county hiring qualified employees, rewarding good conduct, and disciplining substandard conduct.

Discussion included comments that:

The General Plan was not the appropriate place for county employment policies. The language could subject the county and employees to lawsuits. Providing incentives to county employees for good conduct, beyond their standard wages, could be contrary to state law. It would be desirable to include something in the General Plan related to timely processing of permit applications.

It was decided that John Bridges would draft language modeled after the policy on timely processing of amendments to the General Plan, which would apply to timely processing of permit applications. The proposed new goal and policies were otherwise abandoned.

- VI) Update of Executive Summaries
 - ERME: done
 - Land Use: done
 - Public Services: partially done. Mike Caplin will bring language back next week.

Ag: not done
 Admin: not done
 Housing: not done
 Health and Safety: not done
 Circulation: not done

VII) Final approval of Public Service and Health and Safety Elements

VIII) 1982 Plan Coordination

Luann Meador moved to review the 1982 plan as a whole group. m/s/c.

IX) Reports from sub-committees

A) Status of Finished Elements:

Name of Element	Final Approval by RG	Finished by typist	Distributed to RG Subcom for Proofing	Final-Final approval
Land Use	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ag	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
ERME	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Circulation	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Public Service	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Health and Safety	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Definitions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Administration	No	No	No	No
Coastal	No	No	No	No
Housing	Yes	No	No	No

Land Use: Christine Kemp distributed a handout on Resource Conservation. Discussion over too many land use designations in GPU3.

Ag Element: Kurt Gollnick distributed a handout on AD-1.2 language. Correct typo: “panning” to “planning.” With today’s changes, Ag is done and will be sent to the typist.

ERME: is complete.

Circulation Element: front page needs to be consistent with other elements. Include disclaimer language. Kurt gave today’s changes to Christine Kemp who will deliver them to the typist.

Public Services: With today’s changes, this element is complete.

Health and Safety: Mike Caplin distributed a handout with proposed language for HS-3.2A. m/s/c to adopt Mike’s language.

Definitions: done

Administration: Comes back next week.

Coastal: Not done.

Housing: done.

B) Other items:

X) Agenda building for next meeting

XI) Adjournment to meeting of Thursday, September 9, 2004, 12:00 to 5:00 PM at the former
“Leadership Institute” at 2354 Garden Road, Monterey