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Minutes

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

At the Health Department Conference Room, Monterey County Courthouse,
1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey

Those present: Brian Finegan, Christine Gianascol, Tom Rowley, Nancy Isakson, Mike Caplin, Gwen Miller, Bob Perkins, Chris Steinbruner, Juan Uranga, Roger Mitoso, Mike Johnston, Tom Carvey

I) Public Comment Period (Public Comment for issues not on the agenda)
Lisa Kleissner said that the Coastal Commission has issued a set of very difficult regulations to the county. The Board of Supervisors wrote a letter and the process is now halted. Nancy Isakson said these regulations are very far reaching into the county and would prohibit new wells on the Monterey Peninsula and Carmel Valley.

II) Approval of agenda for December 11, 2003
Public comment: none
The following additions to the agenda were suggested:
Nancy Isakson: Include a report on the Planning Commission review of the GPU.
Bob Perkins: Discuss the County budget situation and its relevance to the GPU.
Tom Carvey: Discuss meeting schedules for the Refinement Group.
Agenda approved as modified.

III) Approval of minutes from December 4, 2003
Public comment: none
On page 2, item VI (b), strike that the Water Subcommittee meeting would be “tomorrow.” Minutes approved with this correction.

IV) Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME)
Public comment: none
The group used the printout supplied by the ERME Subcommittee dated 11/28/03.

There was discussion about the meaning of “excessive run off” in ER-3.8 and how this could be quantified objectively. In addition, all soil has been disturbed at point in time. The group decided to discuss this issue next week with more input.

ER-5 Hydrology

ER-5.1: There was discussion as to whether Ag should be removed from this policy since it has to do with impermeable surfaces. The group decided to add the word “cause” to the sentence.

ER-5.2: as per subcommittee changes
ER-5.3: as per subcommittee changes
ER-5.4: The group looked at the map for this section, including Fort Ord, North County, and some isolated areas concerning their recharge areas. The group decided to use the language “new subdivisions” rather than “new development.”

ER-6 Mineral Resources

ER-6.1: The state designates the resource areas. As per subcommittee changes
ER-6.2: The group decided to bring this policy back with very complete language for the next meeting.
ER-6.3: as per subcommittee changes
ER-6.4: as per subcommittee changes
ER-7.1: as per subcommittee changes
ER-7.2: as per subcommittee changes.
ER-7.3: as per subcommittee changes.
ER-7.4: as per subcommittee changes.
ER-7.5: as per subcommittee changes
ER-7.6: as per subcommittee changes
ER-8.1: as per subcommittee changes
ER-8.2: as per subcommittee changes.
ER-8.3: as per subcommittee changes, but discussion about whether to leave the added “comment” below or not. It was decided to leave the last 2 sentences of the added comment.

ER-9 Scenic Resources

ER-9.1: After discussion, it was decided to defer 9.1. Mike Caplin will work on language and bring it back.
ER-9.2: The subcommittee’s work reflected the existing GP (1982).
ER-9.3: It was decided to start with ER-9.3 next week, along with the CPOA schedule.

- V) Land use Element: not covered
- VI) Reports from sub-committees
Public comment: none
 - A) Environmental Resource Management Element (ERME): to be discussed under IV above.
 - B) Water: Another meeting is scheduled. Mike Caplin has returned and the subcommittee will meet soon.
 - C) Transportation: Tom Rowley reported that the subcommittee is about half way through the element.
 - D) Land Use: Christine Gianascol reported that copies of the subcommittee’s redline Land Use Element, dated 12/04/03, were distributed last week. The subcommittee has completed their work on the redline version.
 - E) City/County Agreements
 - F) Public Service: Subcommittee has not yet met.

- G) Update of GPU process: Brian Finegan reported that the Planning Commission's Review Process Subcommittee's report suggests a thematic process for reviewing the GPU. The 3 themes are: Growth Strategy; Quality of Life; and Economy/Jobs and Housing.

4 public hearings on the 3 themes are scheduled for mid-February. The Planning Commission will appoint 3 subcommittees which will work independently during late February and March, then report back.

- VII) Agenda building for next meeting
Nancy Isakson: include the review process for the GPU.
Meeting schedules: A number of Refinement Group members are committed to the TAMC meeting next week concerning developer fees at the same time as the regularly scheduled RG meeting. The group decided to meet from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2003 at the Builders' Exchange, 590-A Brunken Ave., Salinas.
- VIII) Adjournment to meeting of Thursday, December 18, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Builders' Exchange, 590-A Brunken Ave., Salinas.