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Minutes

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Refinement Group Meeting Agenda
Thursday, December 16, 2004 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.
at the Monterey County Association of Realtors (MCAR)
201 Calle del Oaks, Del Rey Oaks

Those present: Christopher Bunn Jr., Gwen Miller, Brian Finegan, Tom Carvey, Norm Kolpin, Sheryl McKenzie, Mike Caplin, Nancy Isakson, Jay Brown, Luann Meador, Chris Bunn Sr., Tom Rowley and Aaron Johnson

- I) Public Comment Period (Public Comment for issues not on the agenda)
Public comment: none
- II) Approval of agenda for December 16, 2004
Public comment: none
Typo on date of agenda and minutes, which were reversed.
- III) Approval of minutes December 9, 2004
Public comment: none
Typo on Section III, 3rd line. Change “saym” to “says.” Approved with corrections.
- IV) Reports on presentations to the Board of Supervisors
Public comment: none

Circulation: Luann Meador distributed copies of the Circulation element and tracked changes.

100% Affordable Housing: Norm Kolpin distributed copies of this document. There were a few minor modifications, which Norm tracked. He will e-mail the corrected document to Tom Carvey.

Minimum Parcel Size: Tom Carvey distributed copies of the latest version of this document from Christine Kemp.

At last week’s meeting, versions from S. McKenzie and C. Kemp were reviewed. A blend of both versions was reviewed.

3rd bullet: change the word “downsizing” to “downzoning.” M/s/c

In the 2nd to last pp, add the word “including” after “densities” in the first line, then change semicolons to commas. S. McKenzie tracked the changes and will send the corrected document to T. Carvey.

Coastal: Mike Caplin distributed copies of the “Coastal Issues” position paper.

First pp: change wording to active voice.

2nd pp: change “moreover” to “additionally.”

4th bullet: include reference to state statute.

5th bullet: Coastal Act priorities. Mike will redraft this bullet.

6th bullet: ESHA's: Nancy suggested, "Environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA) should be designated in the specific area sections of the plan." m/s/c/u

7th bullet: strike.

8th bullet: change to active voice, as "Retain the present county-wide one acre minimum for septic systems."

9th bullet: change to active voice. Change wording to "setbacks shall be governed by applicable state and federal law."

10th bullet: Discussion about the term "water works (spring box, etc)." Mike will redraft this bullet.

11th bullet: Suggested "Limit archaeological protection as provided in the Coastal Act."

During the meeting, Mike made changes and re-distributed the Coastal Issues document. This document was reviewed for consistency with previous changes. Approved with minor changes. m/s/c.

V) Issues of High Importance

Public comment: none

Subcommittee met last week for additional key issues. J. Brown asked for additional items by e-mail, but didn't get any further items. Discussion:

- Greenhouses: add to Ag element.
- Coastal element: yes, add to list as separate paper.
- Chualar: Add to list.
- Wine Corridor: Add to list as separate paper.
- Reorganization of the Planning Commission: discussion.
- Economic Element: make it a "to do" task after 1st of the year. Rather than hurry up and do it, be thoughtful and let the RG give it shape. A. Johnson suggested looking at other Counties that have been economically successful for their policies.

Tom Carvey said that the Central Labor Council sees an Economic Development Element as an important issue. The Monterey County Business Council and Monterey Chamber would like to see an Economic Development Element.

L. Meador suggested developing a matrix as to which key issues have been completed.

Wine Corridors:

L. Meador distributed copies of the already-completed RG Winery Corridors policies and a talking-points paper advocating the wine corridors. This should be a summary of the policies. Format should be changed to format of other position papers, using an opening paragraph, bullets and footnotes. T. Rowley pointed out that this is a crossover issue, involving both Ag and Hospitality.

Luann distributed a sheet of winery definitions.

VI) Coastal Element:

Public comment: none

T. Carvey e-mailed the subcommittee draft, all 60 pages, plus the narratives. The deadline for comments is January 1, 2005. There are only 25 pages of policies.

- VII) Outreach Subcommittee:
Public comment: none
Change name to "Outreach Coordination."

- VIII) Other Business
Public comment: none

- IX) Agenda building for next meeting:
Presentations to BOS, Issues of High Importance, Coastal.
Change meeting hours to 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

- X) Adjournment to meeting of Thursday, January 6, 2005 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.,
at the Monterey County Association of Realtors (MCAR), 201 Calle del Oaks, Del Rey
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