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Minutes

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Thursday, February 17, 2005, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
at the Monterey County Association of Realtors
201 Calle del Oaks, Del Rey Oaks

Those present: Mike Johnston, Kurt Gollnick, Mike Caplin, Bob Perkins, Alfred Diaz-Infante, Jay Brown, Brian Finegan, Christopher Bunn Jr., Tom Rowley, Nancy Isakson, Sheryl McKenzie, Ron Chesshire, Luann Meador, Christine Kemp, Gwen Miller, Chris Steinbruner

Visitors: Mary Mecartney

I. Public comment period (for items not on the agenda)

II. Approval of agenda for February 17, 2005

Public comment: none

Add item under IV, consider special meeting for workshop presenters on Thursday.

III. Approval of minutes from January 13, 2005, February 3, 2005 and February 10, 2005

Public comment: none

January 13, 2005 minutes approved as e-mailed.

February 3, 2005 minutes: Add Mike Johnston to those present. Approved with corrections.

February 10, 2005 minutes. Add “Thanks to Ron Chesshire for the first class meal that was provided.” Approved as amended.

IV. Preparation for Board of Supervisors’ Workshop

Public comment: none

Report on the Board of Supervisors’ meeting of Feb. 15, 2005

There was a staff presentation by Alana Knaster. She described the format of the Feb. 23, 2005 workshop. There will be 15 minute opening statements by each plan, then 7 minute presentations about specific topics. The Supervisors and staff will also ask questions. Alana will be facilitator.

The workshop will be held at the Agriculture Commissioners’ building at 1428 Abbott Street in South Salinas.

Discussion about careful use of time during the presentations.

The various subcommittees reported on their planning for the presentations on Feb. 23, 2005.

V. Presentation from Central Labor Council

A handout was distributed.

Ron Chesshire, Mary Mecartney and Mike Johnston made a presentation from the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council.

Significant development in this area impacts a lot of things, including health care, wages, and scope of career ladders.

Training opportunities should be provided along with job creation. E.g. in Los Angeles and Oakland, after the 1989 earthquake and damage, they set a plan up to build a parking structure, publicly funded. They linked the pre-apprenticeship training to jobs (an introduction to the construction industry in which there's an overview, training to show up on time, dress appropriately). The idea is to provide more labor training in public projects. Monterey County already has a County Workforce Investment Board. Any publicly funded construction project can be bid on by anyone. Whoever gets the job, be they union or non-union, would provide the pre-apprenticeship training.

There was agreement to continue the presentation at a future meeting. A. Diaz-Infante and K. Gollnick offered to be members of a subcommittee to help write the language. Some important points were:

- Where in the process does this happen?
- What's the bottom limit of scale? In other words, where would the policy not apply? E.g. single family dwelling, etc.
- How does it work in terms of benefits for subcontractors who haven't been hired until after the permit is issued?
- Not encumbering economic growth, but providing incentives

The RG will make a presentation at the Good Jobs Committee of the Central Labor Council at 5:30 p.m. on March 7, 2005 at the Artichoke Inn in Castroville. K. Gollnick, B. Finegan and T. Carvey will attend from the RG.

VI. Other business

VII. Adjournment to meeting of Thursday, February 24, 2005, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Salinas Valley Builders' Exchange, 20 Quail Run Circle, Salinas