

Minutes

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – REFINEMENT GROUP

Thursday, June 15, 2006, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
at the Salinas Valley Builders' Exchange
20 Quail Run Circle, Salinas

Those present: Tom Rowley, Mike Caplin, Christopher Bunn Jr., Bob Perkins, Roger Moitoso, Michael Talia, Brian Finegan, Tom Carvey, Alfred Diaz-Infante, Nancy Isakson, Rich Smith

Brian Finegan introduced Michael Talia, the new CEO and Executive Director of Salinas Valley Builders' Exchange.

- I. Public comment period (for items not on the agenda)
Public comment: none
- II. Approval of agenda for June 15, 2006
Public comment: none
Added:
 - A. Diaz-Infante moved to add a report on Common Ground press conference and HouseWatch to item VI.
 - B. Finegan moved to add a report from B. Perkins on Tuesday's Board of Supervisors' meeting under item V.M/s/c to add these items.
- III. Approval of minutes of April 6 and 20; May 11 and 18, 2006
Public comment: none
Tabled
T. Carvey will re-e-mail the minutes to the above meetings.
- IV. Review of completed GPU4 matrices
B. Finegan said that all matrices have been completed. The matrices compare policies in GPU4 with the direction given by BOS.
- V. Review Process for GPU4
Public comment: none
B. Perkins reported on the June 13th Board of Supervisors' (BOS) meeting, in which the BOS discussed the scheduling of the GPU4 review. The BOS decided that Oct. 18th would be the deadline for the Planning Commission (PC) to make a recommendation. Copies of the staff report were distributed. Supervisor Potter said that the PC members are volunteers and shouldn't be expected to meet weekly.

It as announced on Tuesday that DEIR is to be released in late July, which will begin the 45 day review period. The FEIR would then be finished by Oct. 2nd or 9th. The County staff will present GPU4 workshops to the cities, with one meeting for the Peninsula cities, one for Salinas, and one for the Salinas Valley cities.

Discussion of the role of the RG in the GPU4 review process. M. Caplin suggested starting a more thorough review of GPU4. A. Diaz-Infante suggested developing a list of the top ten issues with GPU4. M. Talia suggested that constituent members do their own

review and distill the 10 top issues from these. Each organization would bring their problem areas and prioritize them. The group decided that on June 29th, each organization will bring their top issues to the RG meeting. T. Carvey will e-mail all members, informing them of the June 29th deadline for the lists of issues from the constituent groups.

- VI. Community General Plan Initiative
 - A. Diaz-Infante reported on the Common Ground press conference and HouseWatch publication. The idea is to hold local jurisdictions responsible for the actual production of housing. RHNA numbers came out in 2000, but no mechanism is in place to check whether the numbers were met or not. There is no sprawl in Monterey County, and 90% of those that live here also work here. Lupe Garcia, of LandWatch, was reported as saying that we need price controls on housing. T. Carvey will e-mail the HouseWatch materials to RG members.
- VII. Plan for the People issues
- VIII. Area plan consistency
- IX. Promotion of RG work
 - B. Perkins arranged meetings with Dawn Withers and Larry Parsons during the week, and they were given background information.

Discussion about the LandWatch charges that the RG is composed of “special interest” groups. RG is composed of management/labor, ag, hospitality, Latino, affordable housing advocates, business. Stress each component of the organization, celebrate our diversity.
- X. Other business
 - Suggestion that some future meetings could take place at the Farm Bureau office.
- XI. Adjournment to June 22, 2006, at the Monterey County Association of Realtors, 201 Calle del Oaks, Del Rey Oaks