



TRI-CITY AND COUNTY COOPERATIVE PLANNING GROUP

Cities of Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo ÆCounty of Solano

GOVERNING BOARD/CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

JOINT MEETING

MINUTES

May 5, 2008

1. Call Meeting to Order

Governing Board Members Present: Harry Price

Governing Board Members Absent: Erin Hannigan, Tom Campbell, Jim Spering

Managers' Group present: None

Staff Present: Brian Miller, Bill Tuikka, Matt Walsh, Mike Marcus

Citizens Advisory Committee Karlyn Lewis, Kathy Hoffman, Bob Berman, Teri Booth, Jim Syar, Brian Travis, Mark Morris, Dan Smith

Others Present: Sue Wickham and Marilyn Farley (Solano Land Trust)

2. Introductions

At the request of Kathy Hoffman, everyone in the room introduced themselves

3. Public Comment

None

4. Minutes: Approval of Governing Board Minutes of March 24, 2008

Continued due to lack of quorum.

5. Status of Solano County General Plan (County Staff)

Brian Miller informed the Committee and the Board that there would be no formal presentation by County Staff on the Draft General Plan. The County is relying on its already established process and schedule of public hearings to obtain public input on the new General Plan.

Brian Miller then reviewed the staff report, discussing the issues pertaining to the Tri City and County Cooperative Planning Area.

Bob Berman then discussed his concerns, which focused primarily on the vagueness of the Draft General Plan in relation to open space and recreational planning. He advocated a stronger, clearer set of policies supporting open space planning, including funding for the establishment of a regional open space program. He also expressed concern about the County's reliance on the 2003 County Park Plan, which he notes contains programs which have not been implemented. He also noted a lack of clarity in certain terms and designations, including the Resource Conservation Overlay.

The Citizens Advisory Committee directed staff to work with Bob Berman and Kathy Hoffman to prepare a letter to the full Governing Board, with copies to the Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Commission, outlining the concerns of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

6. Update on Hiddenbrooke School (Staff)

Brian Miller noted that Mel Jordan had not responded to the request to attend the meeting and provide an update to the Cooperative Planning Group on the school project. He then reviewed the staff summary of the environmental document (Mitigated Negative Declaration) prepared by LSA Consulting for the School district.

Bob Berman expressed concern about the vagueness of some of the mitigation measures proposed by the consultants. Sue Wickham and Marilyn Farley agreed, noting that recreation and fire access were not fully addressed by the document.

The Citizens Advisory Committee directed staff to work with Bob Berman and Kathy Hoffman to prepare a letter to the full Governing Board, with copies to the City of Vallejo and the School Board, to address these issues.

7. Priority Conservation Area Program (Information)

Brian Miller and Matt Walsh provided a brief introduction to the regional planning program (Focus), which includes designation of the Cooperative Planning Area as a regional "Priority Conservation Area." PCA status may enable the County to obtain planning and capital improvement funding from the regional agencies in the future.

8. 2008 Event at Lynch Canyon with Solano Land Trust

Marilyn Farley and staff provided a brief overview of the events scheduled for Saturday. The Cooperative Planning Group will be meeting near the old homestead at noon.

9. Upcoming Agenda Topics

Brian Miller reviewed the upcoming agendas, which will include an update from the Land Trust and the 2008/2009 budget.

10. Adjourn

8:35 p.m.