

Regional Planning Committee Summary Minutes

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter – Auditorium

101 8th Street, Oakland, California

December 2, 2009

Members Present:

Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin
Andy Barnes, Policy Chair, Urban Land Institute
Patty Boyle, Bay Area League of Women Voters
Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato
Dan Furtado, Councilmember, City of Campbell
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo/ABAG President
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City/Chair of RPC/ABAG Vice President
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club
Janet Kennedy, Councilmember, City of Martinez
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda
Cheryl O'Connor, Acting CEO, Home Builders Association of Northern California
Harry Price, Mayor, City of Fairfield
A. Sepi Richardson, Councilmember, City of Brisbane
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez
Carol Severin, EBRPD Board of Directors
Jim Spering, Supervisor, Solano County
Beth Walukas, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

Members Absent:

Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Susan Bonilla, Supervisor, Contra Costa County
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City and County of San Francisco
Dave Cortese, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, ABAG Immediate Past President
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa
Juliet Ellis, Urban Habitat Program
Ann Gressani, Non-Profit Housing of Northern California
Kasie Hildenbrand, Councilmember, City of Dublin
Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor, City of Pleasanton
Veronica Jacobi, Councilmember, City of Santa Rosa
Charlie Knox, Director of Public Works & Community Development, City of Benicia
Andrew Michael, Bay Area Council
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland
Julie Pierce, Vice Mayor, City of Clayton
Pixie Hayward Schickele, California Teachers Association

ABAG Staff Present:

Marisa Cravens, ABAG Regional Planner
Dayle Farina, ABAG Administrative Assistant
Danielle Hutchings, ABAG Earthquake and Hazards Specialist

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Ken Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director
Jeanne Perkins, ABAG Earthquake and Hazards Consultant
Ezra Rapport, ABAG Deputy Executive Director

1. Call to Order/Introductions

- Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

Changes to Agenda: Due to timing issues pertaining to speaker's schedules Item 6 was taken before Item 5 on the Agenda.

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes for October 7, 2009 Meeting.

Approval of the minutes was moved by Committee Member Furtado

Minutes of October 7, 2009 were approved as submitted.

4. Oral Reports/Comments

A. Committee Members

- Committee Member Jacobs Gibson reported on the state CalCOG meeting.
- Committee Member Adams reported on the Medical Reserve Corp and their volunteers' participation in the H1N1 vaccination clinics. Ms. Adams, again, recommended inviting the MRC to present at RPC. Committee Member Adams indicated that she would follow-up with Mr. Kirkey.

B. Staff

1. Ken Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director Senate Bill 406 has been approved by the Legislature and is awaiting action from the Governor.

5. INFORMATION – Cities and Schools

Marisa Cravens, ABAG Regional Planner provided an overview of the issue of school quality and school choice as a factor in the success of Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction. Ms. Cravens introduced Deb McCoy and Ariel Bierbaum from the Center for Cities and Schools.

Ms. McCoy presented an update to the RPC on the Center's recent work; an overview of the California and Bay Area educational landscape; and introduced Josh Simon from the City of Emeryville School District to explain his work and what the City of Emeryville has accomplished in their urban school district in working with the City.

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Committee Member Richardson commented that there are lobbying efforts which block some of the things (i.e. transportation) for school districts. Ms. Richardson feels it is important to look at these lobbying efforts.

Mr. Kirkey gave some background on the partnership with the Center for Cities and Schools and SB 375 and how working with the school districts will help accomplish.

Committee Member Eklund suggested talking with Cities Counties & Schools Partnership to identify other tools which may help with the collaboration between Cities & Schools.

Committee Member Kennedy said that the City of Martinez **bought** a collaborative arrangement with the school district when they asked for money for a performing arts center.

Committee Member Adams wants to see discussed how to create specific uses for housing, by using public dollars for the project.

Committee Member Miley commented that this is a good public policy direction. It's challenging for him as a Supervisor, having several school districts. Mr. Miley also commented that maybe school districts need to be aligned with cities. Looking at best practices based on models might be helpful.

Chair Green asked if dates and locations were in place for the two workshops in question.

Ms. Bierbaum commented that ABAG was scheduling the meetings. She indicated that the S. Bay meeting would be at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation in Mountain View on January 27, 2010 and that the East Bay Workshop was being scheduled for late February at an Alameda County location. Chair Green commented that the specifics needed to be in place and announced as soon as possible to get the best response. Committee Member Adams stated that she would like to see a meeting planned in the North Bay, in order to engage the North Bay Schools and Cities.

Committee Member Sperring asked if CCS has looked at the institutional structure. Mr. Sperring then commented that school district boundaries need to be considered relative to institutional structure. Ms. Bierbaum responded that there are some changes around the country, particularly in large urban districts, related to institutional structure.

Chair Green asked that Mr. Simon's power point presentation describing the educational reforms undertaken by the City of Emeryville be posted on ABAG's website.

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6. ACTION – Resolution Endorsing Planning Process of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Danielle Hutchings, ABAG Hazards Specialist, presented comments from Cal EMA (California Emergency Management Agency) on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) questioning the validity of the LHMP, particularly relative to the level of local agency engagement utilized to develop the plan. Ms. Hutchings also recommended that the Regional Planning Committee adopt a resolution in support of the LHMP developed by staff to be presented to Cal EMA.

Chair Green commented that he would like to support passing this resolution.

Ken Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director, commented that part of CalEMA's concern stems from them not have any parallel process in the State to which they can make a comparison and that it is difficult for them to believe that an effort this comprehensive and of this magnitude can be successful.

Committee Member Adams asked how many hospitals, water districts, etc. were involved in the process of creating this Plan.

Ms. Hutchings provided information on how water districts and hospitals were involved in the process. Many more school districts are involved in the process than have been in the past.

Jeanne Perkins, Earthquake and Hazards Consultant, commented that there was a major meeting of the Bay Area Earthquake Alliance in which Hospital and School representatives from around the Region participated. Ms. Perkins added that she received feedback from medical and educational facility representatives on the LHMP.

Committee Member Eklund suggested including the membership roster of the Regional Planning Committee in the Plan, as well as the names of the workshop attendees. Ms. Eklund also recommended adding a brief explanation of the comments received from the RPC Members and other participants and how comments were incorporated into the LHMP.

Ms. Hutchings responded that much of this information was included in the LHMP but that they are amending this information to make it more explicit.

Committee Member Kennedy commented that when she spoke to CalEMA they didn't seem to be aware that the City of Martinez was involved in the ABAG Plan. Ms. Kennedy suggested bombarding Cal EMA with all of the information possible from the workshops and meetings.

Committee Member Richardson raised the point that generally, the information gets sent to the District Superintendent and it does not get filtered down to the proper

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party. Ms. Richardson recommended that the information be sent to the County Superintendent and that they be asked to disseminate the information.

Ms. Perkins informed the RPC that there will be a second phase of the model for Oakland and San Jose which will include a model joint recovery plan for schools and local governments which she feels will help the process.

Committee Member Furtado commented that he didn't think Cal EMA had the jurisdictional authority to rule on the validity of a document when it has been reviewed and submitted by a governmental body such as the RPC.

7. Forum on Land Use Change and Long-Term Disaster Recovery

Jeanne Perkins, Earthquake and Hazards Consultant, presented information on Land Use Change and Long-Term Disaster Recover and introduced Ezra Rapport, ABAG Deputy Executive Director who made a brief presentation and has agreed to return at a later date.

Committee Member Jacobs Gibson commented that this item should be revisited for the next meeting due to the importance of the issue.

Committee Member Richardson requested that Mr. Rapport's presentation be posted on the website.

ADJOURN:

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m. The next meeting is on February 3, 2010.

Submitted by:

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