

Regional Planning Committee Summary Minutes

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter – Auditorium

101 8th Street, Oakland, California

February 3, 2010

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:

Dayle Farina, ABAG Administrative Assistant
Danielle Hutchings, ABAG Earthquake and Hazards Specialist
Ken Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director

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Jeanne Perkins, ABAG Earthquake and Hazards Consultant

1. Call to Order/Introductions

- Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes for December 2, 2009 Meeting.

Approval of the minutes was moved by Committee Member Eklund and seconded by Vice Chair Jacobs Gibson.

Minutes of December 2, 2009 were approved as submitted.

4. Oral Reports/Comments

A. Committee Members

- Committee Member Adams reported that Marin County voted 3 to 2 yesterday to “stay the course” with Community Choice Aggregation.
- Committee Member Adams updated the RPC on the current CSAC position on the Governors initiative related to spending.
- 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.
- Chair Green announced the addition of the Election of Officers to the Agenda.

B. Staff

1. Ken Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director gave an update on a number of items. He stated that ABAG was accepting nominations for the annual Growing Smarter Together Awards. Winners will be announced at the ABAG General Assembly and Regional Agency Forum on Thursday, April 22, 2010. Location: Oakland Marriott. The event is a joint agency effort with ABAG, MTC, BCDC and BAAQMD. This is ABAG’s Spring General Assembly and the official kickoff for SB 375 and will be geared toward policy makers, senior staff people, local jurisdictions, CMAs and key stakeholders. There is an invitation to Mayor Richard Daly of Chicago as the Keynote Speaker.
2. The collaboration with the Center for Cities and Schools forum was held in the south bay on January 26. The east bay event was scheduled for February 18 from 9-11:30 am at the David Brower Center in Berkeley.

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5. INFORMATION – Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disaster (CARD)

Anna Marie Jones, Executive Director, provided an overview of CARD's work with non-profits and community agencies pertaining to emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

Chair Green asked Ms. Jones how CARD likes to approach engaging organizations such as cities, schools chambers of commerce, etc.

Ms. Jones replied that CARD's approach was to engage cities in a unified manner, that would also engage community organizations.

Committee Member Pierce asked if CARD has talked with the CERT groups about incorporating these techniques.

Ms. Jones replied that CERT is very well branded and that incorporating CARD's techniques into CERT efforts was sometimes challenging..

Committee Member Haggerty asked Ms. Jones about for profit companies popping up everywhere doing this kind of work

Ms. Jones responded that she had not but one example of this type of work is the Fritz Institute, which is a non-profit which was created by a for profit company.

Committee Member Adams said they started a "Get Ready" program for neighbors to get to know each other and then to talk about basic, simple things that they can do. She also said that she thinks there is a role for community members to get training if they are so interested but that this provides different levels of involvement for communities.

6. Election of Officers

Chair Green made the call for nominations for the office of Chair of the Regional Planning Committee for the ensuing 2 year term.

Committee Member Jacobs-Gibson announced that Chair Green is now the President of ABAG.

Committee Member Jacobs-Gibson nominated Committee Member Supervisor Dave Cortese (County of Santa Clara) for the office of Chair of the Regional Planning Committee.

The nomination of Mr. Cortese was seconded by Committee Member Richardson.

Chair Green called for additional nominations for the office of Chair.

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It was moved by Committee Member Richardson that the nominations be closed.

As there was no opposition to the nomination of Mr. Cortese, it was pronounced that Mr. Cortese will serve this Committee for the ensuing term of office.

Chair Green made the call for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Regional Planning Committee for the ensuing 2 year term.

Committee Member Haggerty nominated Committee Member Councilmember A. Sepi Richardson (City of Brisbane) for the office of Vice Chair of the Regional Planning Committee.

The nomination of Ms. Richardson was seconded by Committee Member

Chair Green called for additional nominations for the office of Vice Chair.

As no other nominations were made and seeing no opposition to the nomination of Ms. Richardson, it was pronounced that Ms. Richardson will serve this Committee for the ensuing term of office.

7. INFORMATION – Development of a Long-Term Recovery Plan for the Bay Area

Ken Kirkey, Planning Director stated that ABAG will present a preliminary proposal to FEMA to develop the scope of a regional recovery plan.

Chair Green asked if ABAG was inviting the Bay Area Council for a joint meeting or interactive dialog.

Mr. Kirkey responded that Staff from the Bay Area Council who will be working with ABAG Staff would be invited to speak to the RPC about the collaborative effort and the business community's perspective.

Committee Member Furtado commented that it is important to work with CalEMA in this effort.

Committee Member Adams commented that it is important to engage planners and public works departments. Ms. Adams added that it is important to build relationships with Disaster Councils.

Committee Member Dillon asked for clarification on how this specifically relates to the effort of the last two years. Ms. Dillon expressed frustration in not having a tangible product to present to her jurisdiction at this point.

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Jeanne Perkins, Earthquakes and Hazards Consultant, responded that process will be completed in June. There is a funding issue, but the model is documented and on the website. She would be happy to provide a hardcopy of the process.

Mr. Kirkey confirmed that funding is an issue. However, he offered to take the model on the road.

Committee Member Pierce commented that she thinks that we need to hear from the Bay Area Council membership – not only the staff. Ms. Pierce is frustrated that it doesn't gel into something to put into practice. Something more dynamic needs to take place.

Ms. Perkins responded that the timing of the Recovery Plan was delayed due to the urgency of the Mitigation Plan. Cities responded that they didn't want to be engaged in both at the same time.

Committee Member Pierce that this information needs to be presented to the City Managers and the City Councils, not the City Engineers or the Chiefs of Police, who will place it at a lower priority.

Ms. Perkins asked for a recommendation on whether it should go to County-level City Manager meetings or to the Mayors' Conferences.

Response from the RPC members was that both groups should be engaged.

Committee Member Adams recommended creating a "cheat sheet" listing the top 3 things a community should be doing toward Recovery Planning. These highlights could be created for Business Communities, Counties, etc.

Committee Member Dillon expressed concern about partnering with the Bay Area Council when we do not yet have a product in place.

8. ACTION - American Canyon Priority Development Area - Application and Recommendation

This item was deferred due to a request from the representative of the jurisdiction.

Additional Comments:

- Committee Member Adams asked if it would be possible to have a presentation to the RPC by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership.
- Committee Member Adams commented that she had suggested that the Division Chief Brian Waterbury from Marin County's Medical Reserve Corp be invited to speak. He has been seriously ill, in the hospital and she apologized on his behalf that phone calls had not been returned. Ms. Adams added that he does want to come and asked that he be invited for a later date.

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ADJOURN:

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is on April 7, 2010.

Submitted by:

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