

Regional Planning Committee Summary Minutes

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter – Auditorium

101 8th Street, Oakland, California

October 7, 2009

Members Present:

Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Patty Boyle, Bay Area League of Women Voters
Dave Cortese, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, ABAG Immediate Past President
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
Charlie Knox, Director of Public Works & Community Development, City of Benicia
Cheryl O'Connor, Acting CEO, Home Builders Association of Northern California
Julie Pierce, Vice Mayor, City of Clayton
Harry Price, Mayor, City of Fairfield
A. Sepi Richardson, Mayor, City of Brisbane
Pixie Hayward Schickele, California Teachers Association
Carol Severin, EBRPD Board of Directors
Jim Spering, Supervisor, Solano County
Beth Walukas, Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

Members Absent:

Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin
Andy Barnes, Policy Chair, Urban Land Institute
Susan Bonilla, Supervisor, Contra Costa County
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City and County of San Francisco
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa
Juliet Ellis, Urban Habitat Program
Pat Eklund, Mayor, City of Novato
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
Andrew Michael, Bay Area Council
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez

ABAG Staff Present:

Kenneth Kirkey, ABAG Planning Director
Miriam Chion, ABAG Principal Planner
Marisa Cravens, ABAG Regional Planner

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Jeanne Perkins, ABAG Earthquake and Hazards Consultant
Danielle Hutchings, ABAG Earthquake and Hazards Specialist
Dayle Farina, ABAG Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order/Introductions

- Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.
- Chairperson Green introduced new member Charlie Knox, Public Works & Community Development Director, City of Benicia – *BAPDA Representative*

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes for August 5, 2009 Meeting.

Approval of the minutes was moved by Committee Member Furtado

Minutes of August 5, 2009 were approved as submitted.

4. Oral Reports/Comments

A. Committee Members

- Chair Green asked Committee Member Ballard to report on an upcoming event in Santa Clara County next Month. Committee Member Ballard reported that the Applied Materials Silicon Valley Turkey Trot which is a 5K or 10K race, which benefits Housing Trust, Food Bank and Children's Health Initiative.

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. SB 375 – Building Blocks for the Sustainable Communities Strategy Work Program

Miriam Chion, ABAG Principal Planner, provided the Committee with an overview of some of the preliminary tasks for the Sustainable Communities Strategy, under SB 375.

Committee Member Furtado stated that he would like to see flexibility in the grant incentive process to help convince those colleagues who have not yet “bought in” to SB 375.

Committee Member Pierce asked if any thought has been given to allowing the counties to coalesce and bring together the 9 separate outlooks on how it can work.

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Mr. Kirkey responded that staff recognizes that successful implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy requires a partnership between the Regional Agencies and the CMAs, Counties and the local jurisdictions at the county level.

Committee Member Richardson commented that the local communities hold a fear that they will lose local control of land use. She stated that it is very important to be sure that the Public is educated about this effort to eliminate the fear.

Chair Green asked for the definition of a “Complete Community”.

Ms. Chion responded that the definition of a Complete Community has to be defined by the local jurisdiction—by the local community.

Committee Member Spring asked how we are addressing measuring of the benefit. Is there enough flexibility in the process that, if something doesn’t work it can be discarded and if something is very successful, more can be invested in it.

Mr. Kirkey responded that, through the PDA Performance Assessment and related work with groups including the Urban Land Institute, staff is seeking to develop sound metrics.

Committee Member Jacobs Gibson commented that it would be helpful to see an outline to show how the engagement process will evolve.

6. Development without Displacement TOD Program and Final Report

Marisa Cravens, ABAG Regional Planner, presented an overview of the Development without Displacement program, including recommendations from consultant organization PolicyLink for strengthening the equity of regional agency policies.

Recommendation 1:

Chair Green commented on page 7 of Staff Report that the Parcel Level Regional Data System would be helpful. Land Banking is way to proceed successfully.

Committee Member Pierce commented that Contra Costa County built a parcel-by-parcel databank as part of their “Shaping our Future” efforts. Ms. Pierce added that she is sure it could be used as a model.

Recommendation 2:

Chair Green asked, “What is a Social Equity Performance Goal?”

Ms. Cravens explained that there are two currently in the Station Area Planning Grant guidelines that aren’t very strong.

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Every Station Area plan is required to have a community engagement component, but there is no standard set for the level of community engagement.

Recommendation 3:

There were no questions or comments related to this Recommendation.

Recommendation 4:

Committee Member Spering stated that this Recommendation makes the assumption that all displacement is bad. Mr. Spering brought up examples of when displacement is good and would like to see this Recommendation changed to be more inclusive of those instances.

Committee Member Kennedy suggested changing the language to include “a regional affordable housing strategy that emphasizes retention and expansion,” and “the opportunity and options that would prevent permanent displacement of those parties.”

Recommendation 5:

There were no questions or comments related to this Recommendation.

Recommendation 6:

Chair Green asked how many jurisdictions are represented amongst the total number of Priority Development Areas.

Mr. Kirkey answered that 60 jurisdictions have Priority Development Areas.

Recommendation 7:

There were no questions or comments related to this Recommendation.

Recommendation 8:

Committee Member Holtzclaw commented that the dimension of neighborhood walkability is missing and that it should be part of this report.

Recommendation 9:

Committee Member Spering stated that he believed recommendation # 9 is an appropriate place to include the walkability component.

7. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area - Status Report

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Jeanne Perkins, ABAG Earthquake Hazards Program Consultant and Danielle Hutchings, ABAG Earthquake Hazards Specialist sought feedback relative to gaining participation from additional jurisdictions and expanding publicity for the planning process.

Chair Green suggested getting information to the businesses through the Chamber of Commerce and having them act as a distributing agent.

Committee Member Knox suggested getting people involved through the Historic Preservation Commissions.

Committee Member Jacobs Gibson suggested getting information to the San Francisco Business Times via press release or editorial.

Committee Member Richardson suggested utilizing Public Broadcasting as another means of outreach to the communities.

Committee Member Jacobs Gibson voiced the appreciation of the RPC to Ms. Perkins and Ms. Hutchings for the time and effort they have spent on this Plan.

ADJOURN:

Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting is on December 2, 2009.

Submitted by:

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