



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
January 10, 2013**

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council (NTRAC) was held on Thursday January 10, 2013 at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach, California.

**1. Call to Order**

MEGAN CHILLEMI called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chillemi, Kupec, Straver, McConnell, Siig, Kojane, Hymanson, and Vaca

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Montgomery, Kastan and Friedman

**2. MAC Member Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**CHILLEMI/HYMANSON/UNANIMOUS**

It was agreed items may be taken out of order.

**4. Election of a Chair and Co-Chair for 2013**

**Motion appoint LOLLY KUPEC as 2013 NTRAC Chair.**

**HYMANSON/MCCONNELL/UNANIMOUS**

**Motion to appoint RENEE KOIJANE as 2013 NTRAC Co-Chair.**

**VACA/MCCONNELL/UNANIMOUS**

**5. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2012**

**HYMANSON/MCCONNELL/carried with abstentions from KOIJANE and SIIG**

**6. Supervisor / Tahoe Field Representative Reports**

SUPERVISOR MONTGOMERY announced the Placer County Board of Supervisors will be meeting at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach on January 22, 2013. Included on the agenda is a 10:10 AM item to tally votes for the Kings Beach Benefit Assessment Area. At 11:00 AM the Board will get a report on the proposed Village at Squaw Valley project. At the last Supervisor's meeting, Jim Holmes was appointed Chair and Committee and Commission appointments were made. MONTGOMERY reviewed additional items discussed at that meeting, including the return of Salmon and Steelhead in rivers and streams because of environmental improvements. MONTGOMERY reported the State Recreation Area Fire Fee billings have gone out. About half of the protests filed so far have been denied, except in cases of incorrect billings. Placer County CEO Boesch and some of the Supervisors will be making the annual trip to Washington DC in February to lobby for County funds, including funds for highway and roads.

MONTGOMERY reminded the group to submit nominations for Economic Development Awards. She reviewed the Environmental Coordinated Services report, noting approximately 50 projects are moving

forward per quarter. The Biomass facility for Cabin Creek was approved and an appeal has been filed by the Center for Biological Diversity, which will be heard March 26, 2013.

MONTGOMERY reviewed some of the other projects in the area, including the proposal in Alpine Meadows for an owner to divide 1 lot into 2 and the still active project at Denny's Trailer Park. In response to a question about MONTGOMERY's application to the California Air Resources Board, she is still waiting to hear the final decision, but the seat could be awarded to someone in the Sacramento Air Resources district.

CHILLEMI asked about the recent ruling regarding Homewood Mountain Resort. MONTGOMERY explained that of the many issues raised in the appeal, the Judge found only that the density and economic revenue streams in Alternative 6 had not been analyzed as much as had been done for the other Alternatives. He asked the applicant to provide more detail for the County and TRPA to review. MONTGOMERY clarified the options, saying the original recommendation was for Alternative 1A, but if new information comes to light with the re-review, the recommendation can change.

KUPEC asked of the final disposition for the former Redevelopment Agency has been determined. MONTGOMERY said it has not.

## **7. Community Reports**

KRISTIN MANN, Community Services Officer for Placer County Sheriff's Department, reported on internal staffing changes in the North Tahoe area.

## **8. NTRAC Member Reports**

KOIJANE announced the upcoming Squaw Valley Institute events and reported the organization was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Queen of Hearts.

HYMANSON gave a status report on the work being done by Placer County Community Plan teams and how the TRPA Regional Plan Update is being factored into the discussions. For example, the TRPA town center boundaries for Tahoe City do not include the Golf Course or 64 Acres, but the Tahoe City Team feels those areas should be included in the planning process. There is a Town Hall Meeting on February 6 at Granlibakken for the public to be updated on the County process.

MCCONNELL reported on recent searches conducted by Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue, all with good results. The Great Ski Race is March 3.

## **9. Public Comment**

FAUNA TOMLINSON and JULIE WATERWORTH are trying to get the area to ban single-use plastic bags because of environmental concerns. They explained how they are attempting to get this accomplished. The Council encouraged them to move forward and asked that the item appear on the next NTRAC agenda.

## **10. Action Item**

**A. Recommendation on request by the Northstar Community Services District for \$750,000 of County Park Dedication Fees from Recreation Area #1, North Tahoe PUD, and Martis Valley Recreation Area, for construction of the first phase of the Martis Valley Trail – Andy Fisher, Parks Planner, Placer County Parks Division, and Mike Staudenmayer, General Manager, Northstar Community Services District**

ANDY FISHER did not attend this meeting. KASTAN explained the request is to receive Area 1 funds, saying he does not anticipate other requests for the approximately \$1 million currently in the fund. Area 1 includes the Martis Valley area, Northstar, and the North Tahoe Public Utility District area in the Basin. STAUDENMAYER explained the request for additional funding for the Class 1 Martis Valley Trail that

will ultimately connect with the “resort triangle” trails by paralleling Highway 267, looping into Northstar and connecting to the Tahoe Rim Trail. The funds requested tonight will be useful in leveraging requests for additional funding opportunities.

The Council asked questions to clarify the trail alignment, project costs, the funds requested, and how Park Dedication Fees are collected and allocated.

Public Comment was opened. KATHY LONG of NTPUD voiced concern that half of the existing Area 1 Fees will be allocated to this project and there are several projects NTPUD is considering that are awaiting funding. She stated that this is a lot of money to be spent on this trail when bike trails at the Lake were considered during the Martis Valley permitting process to be used by those paying the fees. NTPUD facilities are used by visitors using lake side amenities and LONG is concerned about the amount being requested.

Public Comment was closed and the Council continued to consider the request. HYMANSON asked LONG why NTPUD has not put any projects forward to be considered for funding. LONG explained NTPUD is working with California State Parks and California Tahoe Conservancy for improvements at the Kings Beach Recreation area but it was recommended a “visioning” process be done first. The skateboard park plans are not at the point where funding is being requested. KUPEC asked if Northstar will be asked to contribute to this project. STAUDENMEYER said Northstar is holding back any commitment until the bike trail plans are completed and then funding will be requested from their Board. Project engineer WALLY AUERBACH said Vail Corporation has granted an easement for this project.

STRAVER asked if STAUDENMEYER would consider a lesser amount of money. STAUDENMEYER replied the Placer County Parks Department recommended the \$750,000 request. Discussion continued.

**Motion to recommend approving \$750,000 of Area 1 Placer County Park Dedication Fees for construction of the first phase of the Martis Valley Trail. KOIJANE/HYMANSON**

**AYES: KOIJANE, HYMANSON, KUPEC, MCCONNELL, SIIG**

**NOES: CHILLEMI, STRAVER, VACA**

**Motion carried.**

## **11. Information Non-Action Item**

### **A. The Northstar Mountain Master Plan – Gerry Haas, Senior Planner, Placer County Planning Services**

GERRY HAAS presented the proposed Northstar Mountain Master Plan, highlighting short and long term improvements. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) comment period was closed on November 16, 2012. Of the 16 comments received, 8 were from other agencies and all comments will guide preparation of the Environmental Impact Report. The Council members asked questions clarifying the project and possible changes that may be requested to the Timberland Protection Zone (TPZ) if property in the Tahoe basin is included in the proposal. If there is activity in the Tahoe basin, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) will be involved in the approval process. The items to be analyzed in the EIR were reviewed.

KOIJANE voiced concern about the size of the project and potential impacts to the community. KUPEC asked why the project is being done and said the purpose of the development should be included in the presentation. STRAVER asked if this expansion is to keep Northstar competitive with other areas, such as Squaw Valley. The applicant, BILL ROCK, said the bigger picture is the need to stay competitive with other regions, such as Utah and Colorado. Discussion continued regarding the proposed changes to the TPZ if necessary and the environmental impacts and requirements. HYMANSON suggested those in the environmental community that have supported the project be part of the presentation. MCCONNELL agreed with that recommendation and asked the timeframe for this project. ROCK said this plan paints a picture of the next 5-10 years, with projects prioritized to give the best skier experience as the top priority.

## **12. Future Agenda Items**

- Placer County Community Plan update
- Tahoe City Public Utility District request for Park Dedication Fees
- Presentation on Park Dedication Fees from the County
- Possible action item regarding the proposed Plastic Bag Ban

**13. Date and Time of Next Meeting** – February 14, 2013 at the Tahoe City Public Utility District Board Room,

222 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City, California

## **14. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary