



**NOTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
December 12, 2013**

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council (NTRAC) was held on Thursday December 12, 2013 at the Tahoe City Public Utility District Board Room in Tahoe City, California.

1. Call to Order

RENEE KOIJANE called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. A quorum was established.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Koiwane, Chillemi, Roeder, Hill, Jewett, Drake, and Hymanson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Kupec, Siig
STAFF PRESENT: Kastan and Friedman

2. MAC Member Introductions

A. Introduction of new NTRAC member, Eugene Roeder

Everyone introduced himself or herself. ROEDER introduced himself, saying he splits his time between Auburn and Northstar.

3. Approval of Agenda

HYMANSON/CHILLEMI/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2013

DRAKE/HYMANSON/Carried with abstention from KOIJANE who was not at the meeting.

5. Supervisor / Tahoe Field Representative Reports

KASTAN reported the revised Village at Squaw Valley plan should be released this weekend. A lot of changes have been made as a result of public comment. The Northstar Forest Flyer project was approved by the Planning Commission but is being appealed to the Board of Supervisors. The Alpine Sierra Subdivision is on hold pending resolution of an easement issue through Alpine Meadows subdivisions.

The proposed Cal-Neva Resort and Casino restoration will go before Kings Beach Design Review and may be heard by this group as an information item. There may be a transfer of property rights from the east side of Highway 267 to the west side for the Martis Valley West project. If so, it would preserve the land on the east side and allow for the proposed 267 residences and over 6 acres of commercial space on the west side.

At their meeting earlier this week, the Board of Supervisors heard North Lake Tahoe Resort Association (NLTRA) recommendations for funding art for the Kings Beach roundabouts, \$100,000 for regional transit system branding, \$140,000 for the North Lake Tahoe Water Shuttle, and a feasibility study for a performing arts center in Northstar. KASTAN announced \$25 million has been awarded from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) for the Fanny Bridge Revitalization Project, Dollar Creek Multi-use trail, and the Sugar Pine Point to Meeks Bay bike trail. The grant is for design and construction of these projects, if matching local funds are secured.

CHILLEMI asked if there are plans to update the 1963 Alpine Meadows Community Plan. HILL added the Council had asked for a status report on that in October. It is possible there could be proposed projects, given KSL's purchase of the ski area.

6. Community Reports

There were no reports given.

7. NTRAC Member Reports

DRAKE is please to see the utility work being done in Kings Beach.

HYMANSON has just returned from South Africa and said there are lessons to be learned from some of the transportation initiatives there.

KOIJANE announced upcoming events at Squaw Valley Institute.

CHILLEMI reported the Tahoe Truckee Red Cross Disaster Team remains ready to serve the community as needed, but is glad there were no incidents during the summer.

8. Public Comment

There were no comments on items not on the agenda.

9. Action Item

A. Recommendation on a request for \$200,000 in County Park Dedication Fees from Area #1 (North Tahoe, Northstar, Martis Valley area) to pay for a portion of the cost to design and construct the Dollar Creek Shared-Use Trail – John Ramirez, Parks Administrator, Placer County Facility Services and Peter Kraatz, Deputy Director, Placer County Department of Public Works

JOHN RAMIREZ explained what Park Dedication Fees are and how they are collected and allocated. He is asking for a recommendation on Fees to design and construct the Dollar Creek Shared Use trail, saying this Class 1 paved section of trail will connect with the Tahoe City network of trails. The North Tahoe Public Utility District is investigating options to fund maintenance. PETER KRAATZ showed maps indicated the trail alignment and explained this allocation would be part of the local match required for FLAP funding.

The Council asked questions clarifying the alignment and location of the trail, possible impacts to the neighborhood, and Park Dedication Fees. KRAATZ explained there has been some feedback about the trail connecting into the Cedar Flat neighborhood, but most of the comments have been supportive. The trail will only be marked at the parking areas on Highway 28 so it is unlikely there will be a lot of added traffic to Fulton Crescent. At this point, there are no plans to groom the trail for winter use.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion to recommend approval of \$200,000 in County Park Dedication Fees from Area #1 (North Tahoe, Northstar, Martis Valley area) to pay for a portion of the cost to design and construct the Dollar Creek Shared-Use Trail. HYMANSON/HILL/UNANIMOUS

10. Information Non-Action Item

A. The Northstar Mountain Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report – Gerry Haas, Senior Planner, Placer County Planning, Bill Rock, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Northstar California Resort and Andrew Strain, Vice President of Planning and Government Affairs, Heavenly Mountain Resort / Northstar California Resort

GERRY HAAS presented the proposed project, saying the main purpose of the Master Plan is to guide development of the Resort for the next 20 or so years. He explained the process for commenting on the Draft EIR. Using a Power Point presentation, HAAS showed areas of proposed improvements, including 5 additional ski lifts and associated site improvements. A Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) is being requested to allow for new lifts, trails, snowmaking, and related facilities on lands currently zone TPZ (Timberland Production) outside of the Tahoe Basin. HAAS discussed two areas that present significant and unavoidable impacts, even with mitigation: visual impacts of the Q-lift and ski trails that can be viewed from segments of State Route 89

and temporary and intermittent increases in nitrogen oxide as relates to construction only. HAAS continued his presentation clarifying biological resource impacts and proposed mitigation, traffic and circulation, and hydrology in the area. He reviewed the opportunities for public input.

The Council asked questions clarifying the presentation. ROEDER asked about impacts to traffic, given more ski lifts and homes. HAAS said the plans will result in more destination skiers, which typically have less impact than day-use skiers. HILL asked for clarification of areas of proposed improvements. CHILLEMI voiced concern about traffic, water, and scenic impacts from SR 89. JEWETT asked about traffic impacts. A brief discussion followed regarding traffic flows. KOIJANE was concerned about the size of the proposed project.

There were no comments from the public.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Tahoe Community Plan Update
- Status of Alpine Community Plan
- Veterans services in Placer County
- Discussion and appointment of chair and co-chair

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

January 9, 2014 at the North Tahoe Event Center in Kings Beach, California.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary