



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
January 9, 2014**

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council (NTRAC) was held on Thursday January 9, 2014 at the North Tahoe Event Center, 8318 North Lake Blvd., in Kings Beach, 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, Siig, Jewett, Hymanson, and Kupec. Drake arrived at 6:20 PM

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hill

STAFF PRESENT: Montgomery, Kastan, and Friedman

2. MAC Member Introductions

Everyone introduced himself or herself.

3. Approval of Agenda

HYMANSON/CHILLEMI/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2013

CHILLEMI/SIIG/ Carried with abstention from SIIG

5. Action Item

A. Discussion and Election of NTRAC Chair and Co-Chair for 2014

HYMANSON reviewed the duties of the Chair and Co-Chair. MONTGOMERY agreed with his comments and noted expectations from the public on how the Council functions.

Motion to appoint KOIJANE as Chair for 2014. HYMANSON/ROEDER/UNANIMOUS

Motion to appoint JEWETT as Co-Chair for 2014. HYMANSON/CHILLEMI/UNANIMOUS

6. Supervisor / Tahoe Field Representative Reports

SUPERVISOR MONTGOMERY reported she will be in Washington DC during the February NTRAC meeting. JEFF BROWN has been appointed Director of Placer County Health and Human Services. He comes to Placer County from Nevada County. MONTGOMERY will be working with him to implement Laura's Law in the County, which is an opportunity for additional resources to provide mental health services, and homelessness issues.

MONTGOMERY is working to update the Dark Skies Ordinance and considering point of sale options for bear box installation. MONTGOMERY announced the upcoming art show featuring works by County employees at the Domes in Auburn. MONTGOMERY asked for nominations for Placer County Economic Development awards, which are given to businesses and individuals who have stimulated economic development in the County.

The Placer County Board of Supervisors is meeting in Kings Beach on January 21, 2014 at 3:00 PM. There is a 3:10 PM timed item to consider an interim ordinance to put a moratorium on specific land uses in Tahoe City, Kings Beach, and the stateline area. A brief discussion followed regarding the proposed ordinance.

A. NTRAC request for Alpine Meadows Community Plan Update

MONTGOMERY reported on her conversations with County staff about the process to update the 1968 Alpine Meadows Community Plan. Staff's suggestion is to consider policy updates since most of Alpine Meadows is built out. If a complete land use and zoning review is done, it brings the process a higher level. The intent is to review the document for policy updates and if there are additional issues to be considered, a Plan Update may be an appropriate, although lengthy, process.

7. Community Reports

Placer County Sheriff's Department Community Services Officer KRISTIN MANN reported a suspect was arrested last night in conjunction with the rash of burglaries in the area. The Sheriff's Department is working with Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows on a ski registration program so lost skis can be identified if retrieved after being lost or stolen.

MANN reported a detective specializing in narcotics has been hired and an anonymous tip line set up. She introduced Deputy GARY MCCAUGHRY, the Department's new Problem Oriented Police Officer (POPP). Deputy McCaughry explained his duties.

8. NTRAC Member Reports

HYMANSON reported he will be participating in meetings about the old Tahoe City Firehouse.

ROEDER reported he attended the recent Planning Commission meeting, at which the Northstar DEIR was considered.

KOIJANE announced upcoming Squaw Valley Institute programs.

KUPEC announced Olympic Heritage Week begins on January 11. Yurt Dinners to benefit the Sierra Watershed Education Project (SWEP) are being held at Tahoe City Cross-Country on January 17 and 18.

JEWETT reported he is hearing concerns from the community about the proposed interim ordinance regarding land use. He questioned the public process having to do with the Tahoe Expedition Academy. JEWETT asked if Placer County has a drug take-back program funded by pharmaceutical companies. MANN explained the Sheriff's Department programs available, saying there is a permanent drop-off bin at Burton Creek in Tahoe City.

DRAKE announced upcoming Slow Food Lake Tahoe events, including the series of nutrition classes being held at Squaw Valley.

9. Public Comment

FAUNA TOMLINSON and ANN CLARK reported on their continued efforts to ban plastic bags in Placer County and asked about using Survey Monkey to gauge support for the idea. MONTGOMERY explained the ban would have to be County-wide and feels supporting the current state-wide initiative may be better. She suggested TOMLINSON and CLARK bring the topic up during the Public Comment at the January 21 Board of Supervisor's meeting.

MARK FERRIS and DC LARRABEE of the TAHOE EXPEDITION ACADEMY (TEA) explained the proposal for a campus to be built on 1.4 acres in Kings Beach. Public meetings will be held in January, February, and March. MONTGOMERY said there has not been a project submittal at this point, but when there is, it will be presented to NTRAC.

10. Information Non-Action Item

A. Tahoe Basin Community Plan Status and Update – Crystal Jacobsen, Supervising Planner, Placer County Planning Services

CRYSTAL JACOBSEN reported on the process underway to update the North Tahoe Community Plans, which will result in 1 Policy Framework with 5 area specific plans. She reported on the Kings Beach Vision Charette held last summer and the Tahoe City Town Center Visioning Process. JACOBSEN distributed the draft Policy Framework, which is open for public comment until February 1, 2014 and discussed the other documents available on-line, including the Existing Conditions report and Economic Market Analysis. JACOBSEN described the “next steps” for the plan updates, saying the consultants will present a draft in the spring for the area teams to review. The draft document will then be open for public comment and should be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the end of 2014. A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2014 as a status report to the community on the progress of the area teams.

JACOBSEN answered questions from the Council regarding the status of the area plan teams, their opportunity to comment on the draft documents, how the Policy Framework document is being utilized, and the process for review and approval of the final Plan. JACOBSEN explained the Policy Framework identifies goals and initiatives and the Area Plans contain development codes and zoning ordinances, or standards and guidelines.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Truckee River Access Trail update
- Placer County Veteran Services

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting – February 13, 2014 at the Tahoe City Public Utility District Board Room, 221 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City, California

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary