



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
April 10, 2014**

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council (NTRAC) was held on Thursday April 10, 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, Roeder, Kupec, Chillemi, Drake, Hymanson, Hill, and Jewett

MEMBERS ABSENT: Siig

STAFF PRESENT: Kastan and Friedman

2. MAC Member Introductions

Everyone introduced himself or herself.

3. Approval of Agenda

HYMANSON/CHILLEMI/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes of March 13, 2014

DRAKE/HYMANSON/Carried with abstention from ROEDER

5. Supervisor / Tahoe Field Representative Reports

A. Release of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Martis Valley West Parcel Specific Plan Project (Project will be heard at the May NTRAC meeting)

KASTAN reported the NOP for this project has been released. The public comment period ends April 28, 2014.

KASTAN reported the NOP for the Alpine Sierra subdivision in Alpine Meadows has been released. A scoping meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2014 in Squaw Valley.

The Board of Supervisors will meet in Tahoe April 21 and 22, 2014. Agenda items will include the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement Project (KCCIP), a status report on the Community Plan Updates, and a hearing for the proposed Garbage Fee Increase. The Tahoe City Design Review Committee recently heard a report on the remodel of the Lighthouse Center. North Tahoe Design Review will hear requests for a proposed doggie-day care center, the Cal-Neva remodel, and the Tahoe Expeditionary Academy (TEA) remodel. Because these are allowed uses, the projects will not come before NTRAC. A zoning change request has been submitted to develop Squaw Valley Stables. Also of interest in Squaw is the proposed remodel of PlumpJack and the proposed Village at Squaw Valley.

HYMANSON asked for clarification on the Lighthouse remodel and the outcome of the foreclosed properties in Kings Beach. KASTAN reported no purchaser stepped forward, so the properties go to the County's Successor Agency that was formed after the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency. A brief discussion followed.

ANN NICHOLS asked about a report she heard that the judge gave Brown LLC an additional 90 days to find financing. No one was aware of that report.

ELLIE WALLER asked if the County is still considering the Brown properties for a government center. If so, that use should be addressed as part of the Community Plan Update process. KASTAN was not sure.

CHILLEMI asked for an update on locations for the proposed new courthouse.

6. Community Reports

No Community Reports were given.

7. NTRAC Member Reports

CHILLEMI reported she attended a meeting of the Incline Village Crystal Bay Citizen's Advisory Board, which is the NTRAC equivalent in Incline Village. As a result of that meeting, she had 3 suggestions for NTRAC: 1) they have training for the Open Meeting Law. CHILLEMI suggested NTRAC members would benefit from Brown Act training early in their terms; 2) they have regional meetings quarterly. CHILLEMI feels it would be good to meet with SVMAC and DSMAC; and 3) they use Comment Card and Request to Speak forms the public completes when they want to address the body. If the person does not want to speak publically, they can still submit their comments. KASTAN will ask County Counsel for a presentation on the Brown Act.

CHILLEMI noted the 3-lane adjustment has been installed in Kings Beach as part of the construction project.

KUPEC reported Truckee has passed an anti-plastic bag law. The schools were very involved in getting that done. KUPEC discussed the success of the high-school Trashion Shows sponsored by Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships (SWEP).

DRAKE reported there is a new community garden at the Truckee Community Park. Slo-Food Lake Tahoe is overseeing it and restructuring the program so community groups can sponsor sections.

8. Public Comment

ELLIE WALLER reminded everyone of the Community Plan update being presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 21. Also, the Martis Valley West presentation to TRPA was very small and inconsequential. She encouraged everyone to read the report and understand the proposed land swap could be precedent setting.

ANN NICHOLS, representing the North Tahoe Preservation Alliance, spoke about the presentation of the Martis Valley West proposal to TRPA. She read some statistics about the proposal, saying much of the impact will be in the Tahoe Basin.

9. Information Non-Action Item

A. State Route 89 / Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project – Margaret Skillicorn, Paragon PR, and Alfred Knotts, Principal Project Manager, Tahoe Transportation District

KNOTTTS described the components of the project, the needs being addressed, and how it connects with other projects in the area. He reviewed the process to select the preferred alternative, including extensive public outreach, group presentations, and the community advisory panel comprised of local business and property owners. KNOTTTS reported \$25.5 million has been granted from the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), which is allocated for this project as well as the Dollar Creek Shared Use Trail and the Meeks Bay to Sugar Pine Point Bike Trail. It is anticipated the Board of Supervisors will approve the preferred alternative in late 2014, design completed in October 2015, and construction beginning spring 2016.

KNOTTTS described each of the 6 proposed alternatives, saying Alternative 1 is the proposed action at this point.

The Council asked questions clarifying the project.

CHILLEMI asked if the Tahoe City Community Plan Update team has been involved in the process, saying many currently approved uses may not be in the context of the updated plan.

HYMANSON, a member of the Tahoe City Community Plan Update team, said the team has not specifically received a presentation on this project, although members have heard other presentations. He voiced concern about potential safety issues at the intersection of Highway 89 and Granlibakken Road.

JEWETT asked when a “preferred” alternative will be selected. KNOTTS said when public comment is received on environmental documents, which are being submitted for all six alternatives.

KUPEC asked if the FLAP funding is enough to pay for this project. KNOTTS said it is, based on the costliest plan, which is Alternative 1. He explained how the FLAP funding is being matched locally. KUPEC asked if other components of the project will receive community review. KNOTTS said yes. KUPEC suggested the (Liberty Utilities) power station be encouraged to move as part of this project.

KOIJANE asked for clarification on the funding. She voiced concern about the costs of each alternative as being the basis for making a decision. KNOTTS and PETER KRAATZ, of Placer County Department of Public Works, explained how the FLAP funding has been allocated for this project.

There was no public comment on this item.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Martis Valley project
- North Tahoe Public Utility District request for Park Dedication Fees for dog park at Regional Park
- North Tahoe Public Utility District request for a Minor Use Permit to do music concerts at the Regional Park

KUPEC asked for an update on the State Beach situation in Kings Beach, on TEA, and on the Community Plan Updates. She suggested status reports on the Plan Updates be presented monthly. Discussion followed regarding the Update process.

KASTAN will ask County Counsel for a presentation on the Brown Act.

HYMANSON asked for an update on the Brown LLC properties.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – May 8, 2014 at the North Tahoe Event Center, 8318 North Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, California

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary