



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
February 11, 2016**

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council (NTRAC) was held on Thursday January 14, 2016 at the Tahoe City Public Utility District Board Room in Tahoe City, California.

1. Call to Order

JEWETT called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jewett, McFadden, Drake, Rosenberg, Kupec, Hill, Roeder, and Chillemi

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kastan and Friedman

2. MAC Member Introductions

Everyone introduced himself or herself.

3. Approval of Agenda

DRAKE/HILL/UNANIMOUS

**4. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2015 (a quorum was not established at the January meeting)
ROEDER/DRAKE/Carried with abstentions from MCFADDEN, DRAKE, and HILL**

5. Supervisor / Tahoe Field Representative Reports

KASTAN reported a meeting is scheduled at the Event Center on February 18 regarding the proposed public/private partnership to operate the Event Center and the sale of the Ferrari properties. Last week, a meeting was hosted by the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation to consider housing issues in the Truckee/North Lake Tahoe area. Approximately 60 people attended, including representatives from Placer and Nevada Counties, to determine strategies for addressing affordable workforce housing. An online survey is available at www.ttcf.org. This issue will eventually come to the MACs.

The Planning Commission met today to consider a request from Schaffer's Mill to provide in-lieu fees to satisfy their condition of providing workforce housing. The item was continued as the Truckee Town Council wants to hear the issue.

6. Community Reports

Placer County Sheriff's Deputy KEVIN BRADY reported there is an uptick of thefts. He reminded everyone to "see something/say something." The Ski and Snowboard Registration program continues. If stolen equipment is recovered, it can be returned to its owner if it has been registered.

Chief CRAIG SMITH of the North Tahoe Fire Protection District reported NTFPD is in winter mode. A big crowd is expected this holiday weekend. He reported on the new fire trucks coming into the area. CHILLEMI asked about digging out fire hydrants after a big snow storm and reminded the group of the "adopt a hydrant" program. SMITH agreed people should dig the hydrants out in their neighborhoods. Although NTFPD does as many as possible, there are about 2000 hydrants in the District and the help would be greatly appreciated. He will follow up on reinstating the "adopt a hydrant" program.

7. NTRAC Member Reports

CHILLEMI reported the Truckee Warming Center has been established and is staffed with very dedicated volunteers to serve people when the temperatures drop. There is a list of needs available on-line.

8. Public Comment

ELLIE WALLER reminded people that besides digging out a hydrant, they should dig out the water shut-off for easy access. She reported that at the January 26, 2016 Board of Supervisors meeting, the proposal for the Brockway Campground was put on hold, although no one was quite sure of what that means. The developer says the focus for now is on the Martis Valley West Specific Plan.

STEVEN SIIG reported the current Alpine Meadows Avalanche Safety Standards Manual is very out of date. A group in Alpine has been formed to secure emergency funding to have it updated. This is a critical public health and safety issue. SIIG clarified that the Manual is for the area outside of the ski resort. He explained how areas of the main road, such as parking at the Five Lakes trailhead, can be utilized to lessen the impact of an avalanche. Those areas will be part of the update. SIIG asked for help in securing funding.

PETER KRAATZ reported the Highway 89 Fanny Bridge project could begin this summer, pending finalization of funding. He described the work remaining to finish the Kings Beach Commercial Core Improvement project. KRAATZ said construction on the multi-use trail at Dollar Hill will begin when the Fanny Bridge project starts because of coinciding funding requirements.

9. Information Non-Action Item

A. The Lake Tahoe Region Active Transportation Plan – an update of the existing 2010 Lake Tahoe Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to identify and implement the key strategies that shift residents out of their cars and onto other modes of transportation, including how to tackle issues facing local jurisdictions as they work to improve conditions for bicycling, walking and other forms of active transportation – Morgan Beryl, Associate Transportation Planner, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

MORGAN BERYL presented the draft Active Transportation Plan. Public comment on the draft is open until February 6, 2016. The Plan is organized by the 6 travel corridors in the basin and the 5 “E’s,” or essential elements. Included for each corridor is a needs analysis, goals and performance measures, recommendations, implementation ideas, including possible funding options, and action plans. In the public meetings and needs assessments, connectivity was identified as the main issue. BERYL described the Complete Streets Workshops, which were well attended and identified some liability and policy issues and how to address them. Beryl explained the timeline for adopting the Plan, saying she expects it to come before the TRPA Governing Board in March.

BERYL answered questions from the Council clarifying her presentation. CHILLEMI asked about priorities. BERYL said hers are making intersections throughout the region safer and maintenance.

KUPEC asked how TRPA is working with Caltrans and NDOT on the Plan. BERYL said she feels there is a lot of change and cooperation with all agencies. KUPEC asked if secondary roads are part of the Plan. BERYL said yes, she is working with Placer County DPW and other agencies to identify needs.

HILL asked about the possibility of allowing snowmobiles on packed bike trails. BERYL said that would be a decision of Placer County and other owners of trails in the area, such as TCPUD. A brief discussion followed regarding use of motorized vehicles on bike trails during the winter.

ROSENBERG asked if there are issues of eminent domain with any of the recommendations. BERYL said what has been proposed is merely conceptual and not ready for implementation.

The topic was open to public comment. ELLIE WALLER said there have been reports of conflicts with skateboards and pedestrians or vehicles. She suggested skateboards are a mode of transportation that should be considered as efforts are made to get people out of their cars.

NICOLE LUTKEMULLER asked about bikes and pedestrians on bike paths and how to educate people about which lane to use for what.

PETER KRAATZ explained the many ways this Plan dovetails with Placer County projects, the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association Master Tourism Plan, and the Regional Triangle Transportation Vision Coalition recommendations.

DEPUTY KEVIN BRADY said there are a lot of injuries that require response from the North Tahoe Fire and Placer County Sheriffs. Many of the issues discussed tonight regarding traffic lengthen the response time. BRADY feels that putting in additional crossing lanes and lights at areas such as Grove Street in Tahoe City will make a big difference.

BERYL answered some of the questions brought up by the public and thanked everyone for their suggestions tonight.

B. Tahoe Expedition Academy project – development of a campus in Martis Valley off Schaffer’s Mill Road on a 42 acre site with academic buildings having a capacity for up to 350 pre-K through 12th grade students, support buildings including administration, shops, a multi-use field, an outdoor commons and indoor theater as well as three housing units for faculty and to board up to 40 students – Allen Breuch, Supervising Planner – Tahoe, Placer County Planning Services and Keith Franke, Martis Valley Education Foundation

ALLEN BREUCH introduced this project and said staff is reviewing environmental impacts. He explained some of the considerations requested, including a lot line adjustment. BREUCH introduced applicant KEITH FRANKE, who narrated a Power Point presentation showing components of the proposed school. The 42 acre site is part of Highlands Ranch and access is off of Schaffer’s Mill Road. The campus will eventually include 16 buildings, including classrooms, administration areas, a gear shed, housing units for faculty, and the ability to house up to 40 students. FRANKE showed conceptual renderings of the buildings and how the project will look from various vantage points.

FRANKE answered questions about the project. DRAKE asked about other sites considered and whether or not the project will be built in phases. DRAKE asked about dormitory rooms, since he thought the mission of school was to provide education for local students. FRANKE said about 50 sites were vetted. This site is the best of all worlds. Phase 1 will consist of the roadway and parking. The dormitory proposed is a placeholder just in case they can’t meet enrollment from local families. Full enrollment for K-12 would be about 300 students.

ROEDER asked about the history of the site. FRANKE said the 42 acres were given to the Martis Fund with the intent of workforce housing being built. It was determined that area was not well suited because of the lack of amenities. The balance of Hopkins Ranch was given to the Truckee Donner Land Trust. It is not a preserve, but it is open space. ROEDER surmised the Martis Fund will take the monies from this sale to leverage workforce housing in other areas. FRANKE agreed, saying there is also an open space objective and community benefit component. As part of the sale, TEA has been asked to provide scholarships. ROEDER voiced concerns about changing the deed restriction and the original intent to provide workforce housing on the site.

KUPEC said that although this is a better location than downtown Kings Beach, the potential of 350 people, combined with proposed business development at the Airport Center, translates to a lot of vehicle trips in what is already a congested area. She urged Placer County to focus on traffic issues closely. There was general agreement that the traffic on Highway 267 is already a problem.

JEWETT asked about clarification on the Martis Valley Education Foundation. FRANKE explained the Foundation is the non-profit group funding future campus plans. TEA runs operations. The Foundation will

hold title to the land. JEWETT asked about the level of environmental review. BREUCH said it will probably be a Mitigated Negative Declaration, but the public will be notified. Traffic studies will be a big part of the review. JEWETT asked about cultural impact, given this is a site known for Native American ruins. He asked about the scholarships. FRANKE said there has been a full archeological review of the site. Scholarships will be determined as a percentage, not a dollar amount.

The topic was open to public comment. ELLIE WALLER agreed with comments that a lot of development happens in a vacuum and the entire area needs to be considered as a whole. At one time, Hopkins Village was approved by the Board of Supervisors for workforce housing. Now an in-lieu agreement is being considered. WALLER feels a Mitigated Neg Dec is not a high enough review, just for the traffic alone. She asked if the school would have the same requirements for mitigations as Hopkins Village. WALLER said a school is a necessary thing, but maybe this is not the right location.

JAIME WRIGHT of Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association said her office is at the Truckee Town Hall. She feels there are already too many traffic issues in the area.

Public comment was closed. There were no additional comments.

10. Action Item

A. Election of a Chair and Co-Chair for 2016

Motion to appoint HILL Chair of NTRAC for 2016. JEWETT/ ROEDER/UNANIMOUS

Motion to appoint DRAKE as Vice-Chair of NTRAC for 2016. ROEDER/JEWETT/UNANIMOUS

11. Future Agenda Items

- **Chalet Road Townhouses as action item**
- **TEA will come back as action item**
- **Medical Marijuana as action item**

JEWETT asked that Updating the Alpine Meadows Avalanche Plan be on a future agenda.

HILL asked for a discussion about cumulative impacts of development on Highway 267

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting – March 10, 2016 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 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary