

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE SUMMARY MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2005
JOSEPH P. BORT METROCENTER

MEMBERS PRESENT

Susan Adams, Supervisor, County of Marin
Valerie Brown, Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Jose Cisneros, Treasurer, City of San Francisco
Chris Daly, San Francisco City and County
Pat Eklund, Councilmember, City of Novato
Juliet Ellis, Executive Director, Urban Habitat Program
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, County of San Mateo
Mark Green, Mayor, City of Union City/Vice Chair
Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda/ABAG President
Greg Harper, Director, AC Transit
Stana Hearne, Bay Area League of Women Voters
John Holtzclaw, Sierra Club
Jake Mackenzie, Mayor, City of Rohnert Park
Pete McHugh, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara
Andrew Michael, Vice President, Bay Area Council
Julia Miller, Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale
Joseph Perkins, Home Builders Assoc. of Northern California
Julie Pierce, Mayor, City of Clayton
R. Sean Randolph, President, Bay Area Economic Forum
Gwen Regalia, Councilmember, City of Walnut Creek/ABAG Immediate Past President
Carol Severin, Director, East Bay Regional Park District
Mary Warren, Boardmember, RWQCB

MEMBERS ABSENT

Irma Anderson, City of Richmond/MTC
Len Augustine, Mayor, City of Vacaville
Shiloh Ballard, Assoc. Director of Transportation & Land Use, Silicon Valley Mfg. Group
Diane Dillon, Supervisor, County of Napa
Jennifer Hosterman, Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
Nicholas Jellins, City of Menlo Park/County of San Mateo Cities
Zoyd Luce, BART Board of Directors – Special Districts
Nate Miley, Supervisor, County of Alameda
Mike Moore, Community Development Director, City of Petaluma/BAPDA
Dena Mossar, Councilmember, City of Palo Alto/BCDC
Cynthia Murray, Supervisor, County of Marin
Nancy Nadel, Councilmember, City of Oakland
Bob Nichols, California Teachers Association – Education
Patrick O’Keeffe, Economic Development & Housing Director, City of Emeryville
Mary Piepho, Supervisor, Contra Costa County
Mark Ross, Councilmember, City of Martinez/BAAQMD
Dianne Spaulding, Executive Director, Non-Profit Housing
Tom Steinbach, Executive Director, Greenbelt Alliance
John Vasquez, Supervisor, County of Solano
Mike Zdon, Napa County Transportation Planning Agency/Bay Area CMA

STAFF PRESENT

Janet McBride, Planning Director
Laura Thompson, S.F. Bay Trail Project Manager
Ted Droettboom, JPC Planning Program Director
Kathleen Van Velsor, Senior Environmental Planner
Suzan Ryder, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Mark Green called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 1, 2005 MEETING:

Minutes were moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

4. ORAL REPORTS/COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE:

- Susan Adams announced a recent NATO Hawaii Telecommunication/Healthcare Conference.

STAFF:

JANET MCBRIDE:

- ABAG's Fall General Assembly will be held at the Oakland Marriott City Center, on October 27. The theme is *Affordable Housing: Myths and Reality. A Home for All*. Save the date cards have been mailed out.
- ABAG's Executive Board approved creation of a task force to End Homelessness, which will report to RPC and the ABAG Executive Board. The task force will include City and County elected officials from all 9 Bay Area Counties. The first meeting is scheduled for August 31 at the MetroCenter.

5. CEQA AND OTHER STATE REFORM PROPOSALS:

Janet McBride, Planning Director, gave an overview of CEQA and other State reform proposals including a brief summary of comments and issues raised at the April 6th meeting/CEQA reform regional dialogue, an overview of more recent reform discussions, especially with a stakeholder group working with Legislative staff. Current discussions include a more comprehensive approach to environmental and urban growth, with a working title of "New Housing, Land Use, and Infrastructure Policies for California." Two companion bills could serve as vehicles: SB 832 and SB 1024 and key program and funding concepts were summarized. A new \$5 million State "Blueprint" grant program which offers competitive grants to MPOs (in coordination with COGs) for creating, augmenting and implementing regional smart growth plans.

Discussion followed with generally positive feedback on the new directions of the reform conversations. The Committee also considered forming a 5-7 member CEQA and related reform RPC study group that would focus on these issues and also coordinate with ABAG's Legislative and Governmental Organization (L&GO) Committee, chaired by Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson. Part of the intent was to provide agile response to pending legislation. The Committee voted to form a Study group and volunteers included: Juliet Ellis, Andrew Michael, Julie Pierce, Pat Eklund and Susan Adams.

6. UPDATE ON ABAG/BAAQMD/MTC JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE:

Ted Droettboom, Joint Policy Committee Planning Program Director, updated the Committee on JPC activities. He also highlighted the concepts now under discussion to develop a comprehensive regional work program for coordinating ABAG and MTC's planning efforts, including the relationship to work envisioned under a new State Blueprint grant. The Committee offered generally positive feedback regarding the proposed approach. There was also some discussion regarding leveraging of effort and the appropriate level of strategic focus for housing. A motion was made and seconded and the Committee voted to endorse submission of a Blueprint grant application and to include a strategic focus on housing production.

7. BAY TRAIL UPDATE:

Due to limited time, this presentation was deferred until the October meeting.

8. WATER AND LAND USE STUDY GROUP:

Jake Mackenzie outlined the intent of a 9-12 member water and land use study group and its recommended composition, including geographic diversity and representation from a number of specific disciplines. He moved that the RPC form such a study group. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Haggerty expressed some concern over budget and staffing implications of forming another subcommittee and suggested bringing the item to the Executive Board. The motion was amended to reflect a request for ABAG Executive Board/ leadership concurrence. Pending that Mackenzie noted intent to survey RPC members regarding study group candidates. The motion was seconded and approved.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mark Green adjourned the meeting at 3:00 PM
Next meeting date is October 5, 2005.

NOTE #1: It is important that Committee members speak into live mikes during the meeting. Please make sure the red light is turned on before speaking.

NOTE #2: If you would like further information on any agenda item or on a subject matter presented, please contact the staff presenter by calling our general number, 510.464.7900, and asking for them directly.