

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

The Humboldt County Regional Planning Commission Meeting was held on June 9, 2011 at 5:30PM in the County Meeting room of the Humboldt County Courthouse located at 50 West Fifth Street, Winnemucca, Nevada.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Giovette Cassinelli Ray Olsen
Pam Wickkiser Lewis Trout
Stephen Nye Theresa Mavity

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Walter Lee

STAFF PRESENT

Betty Lawrence Dana Toth

LEGAL COUNSEL

Michael Macdonald

PUBLIC PRESENT

Pam called the meeting to order at 5:30PM. Pam asked if there were any concerns or corrections for the minutes of April 14, 2011. There were none. Pam asked for a motion. Ray motioned to approve the minutes of the April 14th meeting; second by Giovette. Motion carried with Pam and Stephen abstaining. Pam asked for any concerns or corrections to the May 12, 2011 minutes. There were none. She called for a motion. Ray motioned to approve the minutes of May 12, 2011; second by Stephen. Motion carried unanimously. Pam asked if there were any requests for postponement of agenda items. Betty reported there had been no postponement requests.

II. CONSENT AGENDA/DISCUSSION & ACTION

Pam read the consent agenda process and the following agenda items:

- A. An extension request for **PW-10-12** A parcel map application submitted by Desert Mountain Surveying on behalf of B.V.K. Inc., Jan Schade and Hal Smith utilizing merger and resubdivision to create four (4) lots. Subject property is located at 309, 311, 317, 319, 321, 325 & 333 Ross Street; assessor's parcel #'s 015-041-01, 015-041-02, 015-041-03, 015-041-04, 015-041-05, 015-041-06, & 015-041-07.
- B. An extension request for **PW-10-13** A parcel map application submitted by Desert Mountain Surveying on behalf of B.V.K. Inc., Jan Schade and Hal Smith to create four (4) lots in conjunction with PW-10-12. Subject property is located at 309, 311, 317, 319, 321, 325 & 333 Ross Street; assessor's parcel #'s 015-041-01, 015-041-02, 015-041-03, 015-041-04, 015-041-05, 015-041-06, & 015-041-07.
- C. An extension request for **PW-10-14** A parcel map application submitted by Desert Mountain Surveying on behalf of B.V.K. Inc., Jan Schade and Hal Smith to create three (3) lots in conjunction with PW-10-12 & PW-10-13. Subject property is located at 309, 311, 317, 319, 321, 325 & 333 Ross Street; assessor's parcel #'s 015-041-01, 015-041-02, 015-041-03, 015-041-04, 015-041-05, 015-041-06, & 015-041-07.

Pam called for a motion. Ray motioned to approve item "A" PW-10-12, item "B" PW-10-13 and item "C" PW-11-14; second by Theresa. Motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION & ACTION

Pam read the following agenda item:

- A. **SN-11-07** A recommendation from the Regional Street Naming Committee to officially name the road which serves as the main access to a communications tower at the Twin Creeks Mine site "**Rabbit Ridge Road**".

Pam asked if there were any comments. Ray noted that Newmont had suggested "Rabbit's Ridge Road" as a name but Ben Garrett of the Road Department felt that "Rabbit Ridge Road" would be better for the sign maker. Ray agreed with Mr. Garrett. Pam called for a motion. Theresa motioned to approve SN-11-07; second by Giovette. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Pam noted there was no public present. There was no comment offered.

V. COMMISSION/STAFF/LEGAL COMMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS-Discussion & Action

A. Review of Master Plan Document

Ray began the review on page 21, the Open Space Element. There was discussion regarding the similarities between Trails to the Future and the Winnemucca Futures Project. It was decided that pertinent Winnemucca Futures information would be reviewed and inserted into the master plan document where appropriate after the document was reviewed once through. Ray asked for comments on page 21. Lewis noted that at the last meeting it was stated that the fourth paragraph on page 21 should be modified to match the changes to the identical paragraph on page 5. Ray asked for comments on page 22. There were none offered. Ray moved on to page 23, the economic element. He felt the only change needed on the page was to update figures. Dana noted she had the updated numbers from March 2010 and March 2011. Ray asked for more comments. There were none. He moved on to page 24 stating that the figures needed to be updated. There was discussion regarding the figures. Ray moved on to page 25. He addressed the fact that the numbers have likely changed. Betty explained that the numbers could be verified with the Department of Agriculture. Ray asked for further comments on page 25. There were none. He moved on to page 26. Lewis felt the second sentence should be modified to state that "strategies need to be monitored and refined" as there have been strategies developed and implemented to attract business. Ray felt the sentence should not be changed as it is an ongoing process. Lewis felt the sentence made it appear as though there have been no strategies developed. There was discussion regarding current strategies for attracting businesses. It was decided to revisit the sentence on page 26. Lewis noted the table on the bottom of page 26 would need updated. Ray moved on to page 27. Dana asked if it would be preferable to extend the time period for the percent change column. The board agreed it would if the data was available. Dana stated she would look into it. There was discussion regarding obtaining an updated report from the Rural Policy Research Institute addressing monies transferred from

the federal government. Betty explained that the actual data is listed on page 29; that the data would be updated if available. Ray moved on to page 28 noting that the retirement population figures need to be updated. There was discussion regarding adding an additional age group to the retirement chart as some people retire prior to age 55. Ray stated that the chart on page 29 would be updated and revised. Betty stated the latest data is from 2009. Lewis felt the first sentence on page 30 needed to be updated. Ray agreed. There was discussion regarding the current boom within the mining industry. It was decided to modify the sentence to state "Variables in the mining sector have a ripple effect on employment in all other sectors of the economy." Ray brought up the third policy listed on page 30 asking if an airport master plan had been adopted. Betty stated it had and a copy was available for review. There was discussion regarding how to modify the policy as an airport master plan has been adopted. Lewis suggested since the policy needed to be adjusted that it be marked for further review. Theresa asked if the Airport Board would like to contribute a statement that could be worked in. Lewis stated it could be brought up at the Airport Board meeting on Monday and requested there be another RPC member attend the meeting. Ray stated he would attend the meeting. Ray asked for anything else on page 30. There was nothing. Ray moved on to page 31 noting that some of the Winnemucca Futures Project information should be inserted later. Lewis suggested checking with the HDA to see if they have any updated statements. Lewis asked if there should be reference to the Chamber of Commerce. Ray felt that there should. Betty asked if it should be inserted in the last policy listed on page 31. There was a general consensus that it would be an appropriate location. Lewis asked if the visions and goals of the WCVA should be listed since the HDA's are listed. Betty stated that the WCVA brings events but it does not bring development. Ray asked if there was anything else on page 31 or 32. There was nothing. He moved on to page 33. Theresa asked if the bus information was still accurate. It was decided to remove the statement regarding the Boise Winnemucca Stage Line as it no longer runs. Ray asked for more comments. There were none. He moved on to page 34. Lewis went back to page 33 to note that there is a charter service from the Winnemucca Airport to Reno. There was discussion regarding the information covering the airport on page 34. Lewis felt the information on page 34 addressed the airport as a facility but not as a transportation service. It was suggested to insert the local airport charter information at the end of the second paragraph on page 34. Ray asked if the Humboldt Area Rural Transit was still available. Lewis explained that there are services provided through the Senior Center but it is not the same as the Humboldt Area Rural Transit. It was agreed that the last paragraph on page 34 needed to be updated to current circumstances. Ray asked if there was anything else. Lewis questioned if there had been an increase in the miles of maintained roadways. It was noted that it was possible but the county does not take in new roads very often; the subject would be researched. Lewis suggested the Airport Board review the information on page 34 as well to see if anything needed updated. Everyone agreed. Ray moved on to page 35. Giovette suggested adding Hwy 140 to the first finding. It was agreed to add Hwy 140. Ray asked for anything else on page 35. There was nothing. Ray moved on to page 36. There was discussion regarding the routing of Hwy 95 through town. Lewis questioned inserting a statement to address encroachment on the airport. Betty felt the issue is likely addressed in the Airport Master Plan. There was discussion regarding development near airports. Stephen agreed that a statement should be inserted. Ray suggested a copy of the Airport Master Plan be reviewed and the Airport Board be contacted regarding the issue. There was discussion regarding the compatible and incompatible uses for an airport property. Lewis asked if there should be a joint meeting with the Airport Board to discuss the Airport Master Plan. Ray felt it would be a good idea. Mike suggested that Lewis inform the Airport

Board that the RPC is reviewing the Humboldt County Master Plan and ask for their input regarding issues pertaining to the airport vicinity. Lewis asked if a meeting on the subject would present a legal problem. Mike wasn't sure if it was to the point of needing a joint meeting but rather there should be a comparison of what the two boards have. Ray agreed that both boards should do some self educating before getting together. Lewis asked for a half dozen copies of the Humboldt County Master Plan for the Airport Board. Betty asked Lewis if he could obtain copies of the Airport Master Plan for the RPC to review. Lewis stated he would bring it up and try to obtain the copies. Ray asked if there was anything else. There was nothing. Ray moved on to page 37 noting that it appeared to be OK as written. Ray explained that Stephen had to leave. It was decided to continue next time on page 38.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/BUDGET/PERSONNEL-Discussion

Theresa noted that she would be returning to town on June 23 and would not likely be able to attend the special meeting. Lewis asked if Walter was still on the RPC. Betty explained that he was not as he had told staff and Commissioner Cassinelli that he resigned although there had not yet been anything received in writing.

Pam adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM until 5:30 PM July 14, 2011 for the next regular meeting and June 23, 2011 for the next Master Plan review meeting.



Pam Wickkiser, Chairperson

