

KINGS COUNTY GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Vacant - Alternate

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Michael Miya
Craig Pedersen - Vice Chair
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STAFF: Greg Gatzka (559) 582-3211 ex 2682, Jeremy Kinney (559) 582-3211 ex 2673

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Kings County General Plan Advisory Committee (KCGPAC) was called to order by Chairman Tristao at 6:55 p.m., on April 1, 2009. An informational only presentation of regional Blueprint efforts took place from 6:40 to 6:50. The KCGPAC meeting was held in the Multi-Purpose Room, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California.

Roll call of members was conducted by Mr. Gatzka. Mr. Bolze filled in for the absent Commercial Industrial representative.

APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Tristao, Michael Miya, Craig Pedersen, Jeff Stivers, Mark Pohle, Doyle Davis, James Lohry

COMMITTEE ALTERNATES PRESENT: John Bolze

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Gregory, Alicia Jacobo, Jim Olivas, Joe Neves, Garry Curtis, Bob Lewis, Glenn Estes, Ronnie J. Silva,

COMMITTEE ALTERNATES ABSENT: Judith Horn, Louie Rodrigues, Charles Meyer, Roger McVay

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Zumwalt, Greg Gatzka, Jeremy Kinney, Marcum Caldwell

VISITORS PRESENT: None

UNSCHEDULED COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Gatzka recommended that the last paragraph, third sentence from the bottom of the minutes relating to the Air Quality Element be amended from “disbursed through the State Implementation Plans” to “disbursed to benefit State Implementation Plans.” A motion was made and seconded (Pedersen, Pohle) to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2009, meeting, as amended. The motion carried unanimously with two abstentions.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS

A. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update- Only seven committee members were in attendance at 6:30 p.m., therefore, the committee chairman requested staff to present agenda item B first. Mr. Gatzka presented, information on the results of the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council’s April 1, 2009 meeting. Mr. Gatzka reported that the Council voted in favor of scenario B+ and the twelve smart growth principles. Mr. Gatzka indicated that the densities specified in the update of the Kings County General Plan line up with Blueprint scenario B+. Following the blueprint presentation committee member Peterson arrived at approximately 7:00 p.m. and a quorum was in attendance.

B. Air Quality Element- Mr. Gatzka presented the revised paragraph relating to the Williamson Act/Farmland Security Zone and greenhouse gas emissions. Committee members approved of the changes to the paragraph and requested that a copy of the revised paragraph be mailed to them before the next meeting. Mr. Gatzka also indicated that Policy C1.1.3 was modified to reflect California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements because the word “greatest” is not found in CEQA mitigation requirements. Dave Mitchell from Michael Brandman Associates continued presenting the Air Quality Element from page 28. Policy G1.1.3 was modified to remove references to the Kings County Dairy Element because committee members and staff thought that more processes should be encompassed within that policy.

Mr. Mitchell finished presenting the policies of the Air Quality Element and began presenting the Air Quality (AQ) Element Programs which contain implementation strategies for the Air Quality Element. Chairman Tristao requested that AQ Element Program 3 be implemented at the discretion of the county because the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District is developing a guidance document. Mr. Mitchell responded that the County would be doing what the Attorney General asks for by providing a quantitative assessment of emissions.

Chairman Tristao expressed concerns that AQ Element Program 6 may require the County to inventory and monitor all stationary sources of pollution including diesel powered pumps, pesticide applicators and emergency generators. Mr. Zumwalt said that this implementation program could have some unintended consequences. Mr. Mitchell stated that the implementation program was intended to map areas of high pollutants such as freeways, in order to guide residential and other incompatible uses such as daycare facilities away from high emitting sources during permit processing. Mr. Zumwalt indicated that CEQA review and project review may trigger a surrounding analysis but the implementation program should not require a comprehensive data base of pollution emitters. Chairman Tristao expressed concerns regarding a new monitoring system through the use of geographical information systems (GIS) rather than leveraging existing programs. Committee members requested to approve the Air Quality

Element pending a revision of Air Quality Element Program number 6. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Air Quality Element (Pedersen, Pohle). The motion passed unanimously. Immediately following, committee member James Lowery had to leave and the KCGPAC meeting ended at 7:46 due to a lack of a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Space Element – The Open Space Element was postponed until the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. MEMBER COMMENTS: None

B. STAFF COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT– The KCGPAC meeting ended at 7:46 due to a lack of a quorum.

A. The next meeting of the KCGPAC is a regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory R. Gatzka, Deputy Planning Director