

**TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, April 21, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Technical Planning Subcommittee (TPS) meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 10:10 a.m. by Chairman Corrie Kates.

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Corrie Kates, Community Development Director
David Sawyer, Planning Manager
Rich Malacoff, Senior Planner
Lauri Aylaian, Community Development Director
Ken Lyons, Associate Planner
Randy Bynder, Community Development Director
Joseph Lim, Planning Manager
Gabriel Perez, Senior Planner
Barbara Burrow, Junior Planner (Tele-Conferencing)

AGENCY:

City of Indian Wells
City of La Quinta
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Indio
City of Coachella
City of Blythe

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Martin Magana, Planning Manager
Bob Lyman, TLMA Regional Office Manager
Margaret Park, Planning Director

AGENCY

City of Desert Hot Springs
County of Riverside
Agua Caliente Band of
Cahuilla Indians

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Walsh
Russ Garcia
Carl Shaffer
James Brownyard
Fred Bell
Steve Sims

CVHC
T&D Planning
Naval Base Coronado
BIA
BIA
GoBike

STAFF PRESENT:

Aurora Wilson
Jim Sullivan
Jacob Alvarez
Carol Rayner

2. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Sullivan, GIS Program Director, mentioned he looked into the possibility of having AICP meetings through SCAG on webcast. However, the cost for the program would be approximately \$200.00.

4. **TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

None.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2009 TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Randy Bynder, City of Rancho Mirage, noted on Page 5 Paragraph 1 — the sentence beginning with Leisa Lukes should be changed to state that Lauri Aylaian, City of Palm Desert, suggested members look at only the top 15 employers with 75 employees or more.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAURI AYLAIAN, CITY OF PALM DESERT AND SECONDED BY KEN LYONS, CITY OF PALM SPRINGS TO APPROVE THE MARCH 17, 2009 MINUTES AS AMENDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH TEN AYES.

7. **TPS BASE MAP UPDATE**

Mr. Sullivan stated he has received the requested information for the Map Update from only three jurisdictions, the Cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Rancho Mirage. The excel spreadsheet template will again be sent to all the members and alternates. A deadline of May 1st has been set for all information to be forwarded to Mr. Sullivan from the remaining jurisdictions.

Aurora Wilson, Director of Community Resources, reminded the members that the TPS Committee reports' to the city managers; the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM. NO ACTION TAKEN.

8. **NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION UPDATE**

Mike Walsh, Land Acquisition Project Manager for the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) provided an update on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Mr. Walsh reported that there are 3100 affordable housing units in the Coachella Valley.

Mr. Walsh stated there is \$48 million available in the revised NSP plan approved by HUD. Funds can only be used for:

1. Acquisition of a single family home for rehabilitation.
2. Acquisition of a single family residential home for rental purposes.
3. Down payment assistance for first time home buyers.
4. Acquisition of a multi-family home for rehabilitation.

Mr. Walsh stated the programs are on a state level. FHA loans with a 4.5% interest rate are for consumers with a FICO score above 700.

Fred Bell, Director of the BIA, provided the committee members with a handout of the Summary and Overview of the changes to the NSP in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Mr. Bell suggested investing in the National Homeowners Association (NHA) and collectively going after any money funded under the Dutton Bill. Mr. Bell stated applications for Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) will be out on May 3, 2009 and are due by July 15, 2009.

Chairman Kates suggested setting a date to have a Subcommittee meeting regarding NOFA and the uniform plan. Mr. Bell suggested reaching out to the HCD, of which Lynn Jacobs is the Director, and ask for assistance in filling out the application.

THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM. NO ACTION TAKEN.

9. SCAG'S RHNA REFORM EFFORTS AND NEXT STEPS

Jacob Alvarez reported, at its March 5th meeting, the SCAG Regional Council approved four strategies for RHNA reform that were recommended by SCAG's RHNA Reform Task Force and Community, Economic & Human Development Committee. The four strategies approved were funding, scheduling with the 2012 RTP, improvements to process and methodology and subregional delegation. Significant progress continues in SCAG's efforts to find comprehensive RHNA reform into a phase of building and broadening a coalition of allies.

Randy Bynder suggested that each committee member should attend at least one SCAG meeting. It was noted that the SCAG General Assembly is being held in La Quinta on May 7 and 8 2009.

Mrs. Wilson suggested looking into having a SCAG representative attend the May or June TPS Meeting and provide information regarding the FHNA in 2016, the RHNA taskforce and other issues of importance.

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10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Randy Bynder stated the Energy Summit, which was recently held, was very informative. Jacob Alvarez stated he has a file on the "Implementation of SB375 Workshop", hosted by the Local Government Commission, which includes information on agencies and how they are involved with SB375. Mr. Alvarez will forward that information to the committee members.

SCAG General Assembly May 7th & 8th located at the La Quinta Resort and La Quinta Resort & Club located at 49-499 Eisenhower Drive La Quinta, CA 92253. For more information, please contact Linda Jones at (213) 236-1912, or by email at jonesl@scag.ca.gov.

The next meeting of CVAG's **Technical Planning Subcommittee (TPS)** will be held at **10:00a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.**

The next meeting of CVAG's **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2009.**

11. INFORMATIONAL: COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2008/2009

Goal #1	Legislation including AB 32 & SB 375
Goal #2	Alternative Energy Planning
Goal #3	Regional Bike/Trail Development
Goal #4	Affordable Housing Projects
Information Item	Regional Trans. Plan & CV Yr 2035 Traffic Model

Chairman Kates asked Jacob Alvarez to give an update on the TPS Committee Goals.

Mr. Alvarez stated related to Goal #1 - the Local Governmental Commission provided a workshop in Riverside regarding the implementation of SB375 and also included AB32 in the discussion. Mr. Alvarez also indicated related to Goal #2 - he is in contact with Katie Barrows, Director of Environmental Resources, regarding the Environment and Energy Committee items such as an ordinance on photovoltaics. Mr. Alvarez continued by stating related to Goal #3 - the workshop following the TPS meeting today is titled "Outline of Bikeway and Trail Planning for Practitioners". Related to Goal #4 - as include in the agenda today, the Base Map for Affordable Housing Projects is being prepared. The informational item - the Non-Motorized Transportation Update Plan will be distributed to the committee members for review within the next two weeks.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. to the AICP Workshop.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Rayner
Senior Assistant