

**WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION
RENO CITY COUNCIL
SPARKS CITY COUNCIL
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

JOINT MEETING

MONDAY

8:30 A.M.

MAY 11, 2009

PRESENT:

David Humke, Washoe County Commissioner, Chairman*
Bonnie Weber, Washoe County Commissioner, Vice Chairperson
John Breternitz, Washoe County Commissioner
Kitty Jung, Washoe County Commissioner
Bob Larkin, Washoe County Commissioner

Robert A. Cashell, City of Reno, Mayor
Jessica Sferrazza, Reno City Councilmember
Dwight Dortch, Reno City Councilmember
Pierre Hascheff, Reno City Councilmember

Geno Martini, City of Sparks, Mayor
Mike Carrigan, Sparks City Councilmember
Julia Ratti, Sparks City Councilmember
Ron Schmitt, Sparks City Councilmember
Ron Smith, Sparks City Councilmember
Phil Salerno, Sparks City Councilmember

Barbara McLaury, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees Member
Estela LeVario Gutierrez, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees Member
Ken Grein, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees Member
Nancy Hollinger, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, Member
Dan Carne, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees Member*

ABSENT:

Sharon Zadra, Reno City Councilmember
Dave Aiazzi, Reno City Councilmember
Dan Gustin, Reno City Councilmember
Barbara Clark, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, President
Scott Kelley, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees Member

The Commission, Board, and Councils convened at 8:32 a.m. in joint session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, with City of Sparks Mayor Geno Martini presiding. Also present were Washoe County Clerk Amy Harvey, Washoe County Assistant Manager John Berkich, Washoe County Legal Counsel Melanie Foster, Reno City Clerk Lynette Jones,

Interim Reno City Manager Donna Dreska, Reno City Attorney John Kadlic, Sparks City Clerk Linda Patterson, Sparks City Manager Shaun Carey, and Washoe County School District Legal Counsel Randy Drake.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerks called the roll for their respective entities, and the Commission, Councils, and Board conducted the following business:

09-443 AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Approval of the agenda for the Reno and Sparks City Councils, the Washoe County School District and the Washoe County Commission Joint Meeting of May 11, 2009.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Reno Mayor Cashell, which motion duly carried with Washoe County Commission Chairman Dave Humke, Reno City Councilmembers Sharon Zadra, Dave Aiazzi, Dan Gustin, and Washoe County School District Trustees Barbara Clark, Dan Carne and Scott Kelley absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 4 be approved.

09-444 AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment (three-minute time limit per person) – (Additional Public Comment on specific agenda items will be limited to three-minute time limit per person after each agenda item and must be related to the specific agenda item.) Comments to be addressed to the Chair of the meeting and to the Reno and Sparks City Councils, Washoe County School District, and the Washoe County Commission as a whole.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

09-445 AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: “Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2008 and August 18, 2008.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Trustee Gutierrez, which motion duly carried with Washoe County Commission Chairman Dave Humke, Reno City Councilmembers Sharon Zadra, Dave Aiazzi, Dan Gustin, and Washoe County School District Trustees Barbara Clark, Dan Carne and Scott Kelley absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6 be approved.

09-446 AGENDA ITEM 7

Agenda Subject: “Update and possible direction to staff on the Community Assistance Center – Reno.”

Jody Royal-Goodwin, Community Reinvestment Manager, Krista Lee, City of Reno Homeless Coordinator and Leo McFarland, Volunteers of America CEO, conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which was placed on file with the Washoe County Clerk. Ms. Royal-Goodwin reviewed the 2009/10 budget, renewal of the Cooperative Agreement and provided the Board, Councils and Commission an overview of the first six months of operation for the Community Assistance Center. She highlighted the number of individuals served in the Resource Center and the referrals distributed for additional services. Ms. Lee stated the Family Shelter currently served 102 families and added 46 of those families had moved into some type of housing. Mr. McFarland indicated since the October 2008 opening the Single, Adult Shelter had served 894 different individuals in the permanent shelter, plus another 902 individuals in overflow. He acknowledged that 121 of those individuals had entered a treatment facility, which was a positive step forward. Ms. Royal-Goodwin recommended that the Cooperative Agreement be renewed.

***8:40 a.m.** Dan Carne, Washoe County School District Trustee arrived during the presentation.

***8:41 a.m.** Washoe County Commissioner Chairman Humke arrived during the presentation.

Reno Mayor Cashell stated that the Volunteers of America helped immensely with the programs.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Reno Mayor Cashell, seconded by Reno City Councilmember Hascheff, which motion duly carried with Reno City Councilmembers Sharon Zadra, Dave Aiazzi, Dan Gustin, and Washoe County School District Board of Trustee Barbara Clark and Scott Kelley absent, it was ordered that the areas of consensus be accepted and the Cooperative Agreement be renewed through June 30, 2010 with the City of Reno acting as lead entity until such time as management and oversight could be transferred to a non-profit.

09-447 AGENDA ITEM 8

Agenda Subject: “Update and possible discussion on the selection of the new Washoe County School District (WCSD) Superintendent.”

Estela LeVario Gutierrez, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees Vice Chairperson, stated the School Board had initiated a second round of

recruiting to conduct a comprehensive search for a new superintendent. She explained School Board President Barbara Clark would continue to provide additional background information regarding the search.

In response to a question from Reno Mayor Cashell, Washoe County School District Legal Counsel Randy Drake, indicated several internal candidates had been considered.

There was no action taken or public comment on this item.

09-448 **AGENDA ITEM 9**

Agenda Subject: “Update and possible discussion regarding revitalization and renewal of existing facilities using funding provided by the 2002 Rollover Bond (WCSD).”

Mark Stanton, Assistant Superintendent of Capital Projects and Facilities Management, conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which was placed on file with the Washoe County Clerk, updating the Board, Councils and Commission on the 2002 Rollover Bond Initiative Ballot Question. He highlighted and reviewed older school improvements, capital renewal, schoolyard safety, revitalization, technology improvements, 2002 Rollover Bond Program overview, current program activity and future program activity.

City of Sparks Mayor Martini thanked Mr. Stanton for a comprehensive and informative update.

There was no action taken or public comment on this item.

09-449 **AGENDA ITEM 10**

Agenda Subject: “The City of Sparks and Washoe County School District will adjourn from the Meeting.”

9:12 a.m. There being no further action for the City of Sparks or the Washoe County School District, they adjourned the meeting.

JOINT MEETING OF RENO AND WASHOE COUNTY

9:17 a.m. The Washoe County Commission and the Reno City Council met with Reno Mayor Cashell presiding and conducted the following business:

09-450 **AGENDA ITEM 1**

Agenda Subject: “LDC09-00037 (Echeverria Silver Lake Property) – This is a request for a Master Plan Amendment (within the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan)

from: General Rural – Reno Stead Corridor Joint Plan (GR-RSCJP) on ±289.6 acres to: OS (Open Space) – RSCJP on ±219.09 acres, I (Industrial) – RSCJP on ±66.47 acres and HDR (High Density Rural) – RSCJP on ±4 acres. The City of Reno base Master Plan designation of Special Planning Area would remain the same. The ±289.6 acre site is located on the east side of Red Rock Road, ±1,450 feet north of the Red Rock Road/Moya Boulevard intersection. The property is currently zoned GR (General Rural) per the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan. This project is located in a Joint Planning Area and Cooperative Planning Area and is being noticed for review by the City of Reno and Washoe County Planning Commissions. *This public hearing may also include an appeal of the decisions made by the Joint Planning Commissions of Washoe County and the City of Reno regarding this project per Washoe County Development Code.”

Vern Kloos, City of Reno Senior Planner, said this was a request for a Master Plan amendment and reviewed those amendments as stated in the staff report. He indicated the request was heard before a joint meeting between the City of Reno Planning Commission and the Washoe County Planning Commission and was approved by both bodies.

Commissioner Weber asked why this amendment did not go before the Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGGB). Mr. Kloos explained before an amendment for the joint plan went before the RPGGB, it had to go before the Planning Commissions of the City and County, and then before a joint meeting of the Washoe County Commission and City Council.

There was no public comment on this item.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Dortch, seconded by Councilmember Sferrazza, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Zadra, Aiazzi and Gustin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 1 be approved. It was further ordered that the hearing be continued to the May 13, 2009 Reno City Council meeting for the purpose of adopting the Master Plan resolution.

For Washoe County, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 1 be approved with the recommended findings. It was further ordered that the Chairman be authorized to execute the resolution for the updated joint plan after a determination of conformance with the Regional Plan.

09-451 AGENDA ITEM 2

Agenda Subject: “LDC08-00205 (RTM Sky Vista and ERGS Property) – This is a request for a Master Plan amendment to remove ±98.06 acres of property from the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan. The Master Plan designation of Special Planning Area would remain the same. The site is located ±294 feet to the northwest of the intersection of Lemmon Drive and Sky Vista Parkway with a portion of the

northern end of the property fronting on Lemmon Drive. The amendment is in a Joint Planning Area and is being noticed for review by the City of Reno and Washoe County Planning Commissions. The zoning designations for the property are GC (General Commercial); LDS/RR (Low Density Suburban/Rural Residential – 2.5 to 1 acre lots); HDS/LDR (High Density Suburban/Low Density Residential – 3 to 7 du/acre); and OS (Open Space) in Washoe County; and are AC (Arterial Commercial); CC (Community Commercial); LLR1 (Large Lot Residential – 1 acre); SF6 (Single Family – 6,000 square foot lots) and OS (Open Space) in the City. *This public hearing may also include an appeal of the decisions made by the Joint Planning Commissions of Washoe County and the City of Reno regarding this project per Washoe County Development Code.”

Cheryl Ryan, City of Reno Senior Planner, stated the applicant had requested an amendment to the Master Plan to remove the property from the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan because the Plan was outdated and had conflicting policies between the City’s Master Plan, Land Development Code, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC’s) 2040 Plan and the Regional Plan concerning boundaries. She said it was the applicant’s preference to move forward with the Planned Unit Developments (PUD) and continue the efforts of master planning the overall site. Ms. Ryan explained since the Plan had conflicting policies and because the findings could be made, the Planning Commissions recommended approval of the request.

Councilmember Sferrazza asked if the PUD had been submitted. Ms. Ryan replied not at the present time. She said it would return to the City Council and then to the joint bodies.

Claudia Hanson, City of Reno, Deputy Director of Community Development, clarified the PUD would return to the City Council but not to the joint bodies.

There was no public comment on this item.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Dortch, seconded by Councilmember Hascheff, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Zadra, Aiazzi and Gustin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 2 be approved. It was further ordered that the hearing be continued to the May 13, 2009 Reno City Council meeting for the purpose of adopting the Master Plan resolution.

For Washoe County, on motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 2 be approved with the recommended findings. It was further ordered that the Chairman be authorized to execute the resolution for the updated joint plan after a determination of conformance with the Regional Plan.

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible direction to staff to amend or delete the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan.”

Commissioner Weber commented before deletion of the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan, she suggested discussion among the affected Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NAB) and Citizen Advisory Boards (CAB). She was concerned if the Plan were deleted that the affected County residents would not have an opportunity to be heard.

Councilmember Dortch remarked the challenge with the Joint Plan was that it was outdated and did not comply with many of the current policies. He did not believe there was any benefit to the Plan.

In response to a suggestion from Councilmember Dortch, Claudia Hanson, City of Reno, Deputy Director of Community Development, reviewed some of the major conflicts. She stated one conflict directed the City to review business licenses within the sphere of influence, which the City could not conduct, and issues now existed within the Public Services Facilities Infrastructure Plan and the Open-Space and Greenways Plans. Ms. Hanson explained there were also development policies and guidelines within the Plan in conflict with the North Virginia-Todd Corridor Plan as well as other policies within the City. She indicated a conflict also existed within the County’s one-map system and the two-map system of the City.

Councilmember Sferrazza remarked some policies were outdated; however, she did not approve of deletion and suggested working with the Commission to retain the name of the Plan with updates. She asked if there was a reason to delete the Plan. Ms. Hanson replied there may be an opportunity for a new tool that could possibly be a neighborhood plan in the affected area. Councilmember Sferrazza asked if that option could be worked in conjunction with the County. Ms. Hanson stated because the Joint Plan was identified within the Regional Plan both bodies would need to go before the CAB’s and NAB’s since it was in the City’s Master Plan and the County’s Comprehensive Plan. She indicated this was the first step in amending the Regional Plan.

Adrian Freund, Washoe County Community Development Director, remarked with respect to a new and updated plan elements that were inconsistent to the Joint Plan, the County felt the same concerns were apparent. He stated the County had a new transportation, land use, open-space and conservation elements similar to the City. He indicated he would work with John Hester, City of Reno Community Development Director, to discuss options and alternatives either for amendment of the Plan or transitioning to a different type of plan that would retain a cooperative planning function.

Councilmember Dortch stated he supported the deletion of the Plan. He commented there was a joint plan for the Reno-Stead Corridor, however; there were no

joint plans in other areas where the City abutted the County. He felt the County and City could work together in moving forward and arrive at an alternative plan.

Commissioner Weber stated she did not want to delete the Plan at this time and suggested the two Community Development Directors arrive at alternatives and options and allow the NAB's and CAB's to also work with staff. Councilmember Dortch commented the challenge was that conflicts currently existed and it could take time to review and make revisions. He felt the Plan could be deleted and then rely on the ordinances and codes of the City and County to arrive at solutions to move forward.

Melanie Foster, Washoe County Legal Counsel, explained the Council and Board were noticed for discussion; however, were not agendized to take action on the amendment or the deletion, but indicated direction could be given to staff.

Mr. Hester indicated a meeting was scheduled for May 13, 2009 between Mr. Freund and himself to discuss alternatives and options and indicated an item would be placed on the May 27th City Council agenda.

There was no action taken or public comment on this item.

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9:42 a.m. There being no further business to come before the Board or the Council, on motion by Chairman Humke, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers, Zadra, Aiazzi and Gustin absent, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

DAVID E. HUMKE, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

AMY HARVEY, County Clerk
and Clerk of the Board of
County Commissioners

ATTEST:

ROBERT A. CASHELL, Mayor
City of Reno

LYNNETTE R. JONES, City Clerk
City of Reno

ATTEST:

GENO MARTINI, Mayor
City of Sparks

LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk
City of Sparks

ATTEST:

BARBARA CLARK, Board of Trustees
President, Washoe County School District

BARBARA McLAURY, Clerk
Washoe County School District

*Minutes Prepared by Stacy Gonzales,
Washoe County Deputy Clerk*