

MEETING NOTICE

Regional Planning Commission of the Valley Council of Governments

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010
5:15 p.m. at VCOG Offices
Derby Train Station**

AGENDA

1. Public Session
2. Minutes of 1/26/10 Regular VCOG RPC Meeting (*Enc.*)
3. Election of Officers (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary)
4. Referrals and Reviews: (*pertinent correspondence enclosed*)
 - a) **Referral from Town of Orange:** Proposed Amendments to the Orange Zoning Regulations; Re: Deletion of Sections 383-66C and 383-143.2 of the Zoning Regulations;
Public Hearing Date: March 16, 2010
5. Municipal and Regional Notification Triggers for Zoning Matters (*Enc.*)
(tabled from January meeting)

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
VCOG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

Members Present: Bart Flaherty, David Barboza II, Virginia Harger, Al Yagovane
Members Absent: None

Staff Present: David Elder, Senior Regional Planner, Matt Fulda, Regional Planner

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Flaherty at 5:35 p.m.

The public session was called open. There were no public comments.

Motion to close the Public Session.

Motion by: David Barboza II

Second by: Virginia Harger

Motion passed unanimous.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the 1/26/10 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: David Barboza II

Second: Al Yagovane

Motion passed unanimous

Election of Officers

Chairman Flaherty asked for nominations of VCOG RPC Chairman.

Virginia Harger nominated Bart Flaherty for the position of Chairman. Chairman Flaherty recused himself and asked the staff planner to continue facilitating the meeting. Staff planner asked for any other nominations for the position of Chairman. There were none.

Motion to appoint Bart Flaherty as the Chairman of the VCOG RPC

Motion by: Virginia Harger

Second by: David Barboza II

Motion passed unanimous

Staff planner turned the meeting back over the Chairman Flaherty

Chairman Flaherty asked for any nominations for the position of Vice-Chair to the VCOG RPC. Virginia Harger nominated David Barboza II for the position of Vice-Chair. Chairman Flaherty asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. There were none.

Motion to appoint David Barboza II to the position of Vice-Chair

Motion by: Virginia Harger

Second by: Al Yagovane

Motion passed unanimous

Chairman Flaherty asked for any nominations for the position of Secretary to the VCOG RPC. David Barboza II nominated Virginia Harger for the position of Secretary. Chairman Flaherty asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Secretary. There were none.

Motion to appoint Virginia Harger to the position of Secretary

Motion by: Al Yagovane

Second by: David Barboza II

Motion passed unanimous

Referral from Town of Orange: Proposed Amendments to the Orange Zoning Regulations; Re: Deletion of Sections 383-66C and 383-143.2 of the Zoning Regulations; Public Hearing Date: March 16, 2010

David Elder reviewed his finding of no negative regional impact. He further stated he has never seen an application for a unitary development in the Town of Orange and expects the reason why is because there are now regulations in place that allow for similar developments such office parks, planned developments, and multi-use regulations that permit multiple uses, and multiple buildings on the same lot.

Motion by: David Barboza II, to support the staff finding of no negative regional impact.

Second: Virginia Harger

Motion passed unanimous

Motion to deviate from the regular agenda and add to two items that were received since the agenda packets were mailed

Motion by: Virginia Harger

Second: David Barboza II

Motion passed unanimous

Referral from Town of Oxford: Proposed Amendments to the Oxford Zoning Regulations regarding accessory structures; Public Hearing Date March 4, 2010

David Elder began reviewing the proposal but there were several sections of the proposal that were unclear. The VCOG RPC requested that the staff planner get clarification and table the matter to the March meeting

Motion to table the Oxford referral to the March meeting

Motion by: Al Yagovane

Second: Virginia Harger

Motion passed unanimous

Referral from Town of Bethany: Proposed update to the Bethany Plan of Conservation and Development;

David Elder reviewed the proposal and explained that the RPC is not required to refer on another region's Plan of Conservation and Development. The VCOG RPC requested that the staff planner review the plan and if there were any substantial inconsistencies with the VCOG neighboring communities, to discuss those at the March meeting. No action was taken,

Municipal and Regional Notification Triggers for Zoning Matters

Staff planner reviewed the packet of the Statute Section 124 and 126 wherein notification is required for municipal and regional matters. The three times where the Region must be notified are Zoning Regulation and Zoning Map changes, Sub-division when within 500 ft of a municipal border, and when updating the Plan of Conservation and Development. Additionally, towns, or applicants are no longer required to notify municipalities when a variance or Special permit is within 500 feet of their borders, only that the hearing notice be published in accordance with 8-7d. Additionally, depending on the Town Zoning regulations, applicants may still be required to notify abutters by certified mail, or return receipt requested mail, when a variance or special permit application is submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Elder
VCOG Senior Regional Planner