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"Building Partnerships – Building Communities"

CDS STUDY SESSION MINUTES

September 12, 2011

THOSE PRESENT: Alan Crankovich, Paul Jewell (BOCC), Mandy Weed, Dan Valoff (CDS) Anna Nelson (GordonDerr) James Rivard, Maria Canfield (PH) Neil Caulkins (PR)

GUESTS PRESENT: Dave Anderson, Bruce Hunt, Chad Bala, Catherine Clerf, Pat Deneen, Mike Smith, Mark Teske

CAO/SMP Update:

Anna stated the grant agreement with Ecology has been confirmed for the SMP grant. The local ecology office will fund the first two years of funding and is hoping to have the grant executed later this fall. Anna stated that we have done some preliminary mapping with the three cities and they want to stay within the statutory minimums for their maps. Anna stated that some of the jurisdictions are following the SMP only and not the CAO so that there is only one regulatory body of rules to follow and that the cities and towns can pre-designate areas if they choose, but they do not believe they have any at this time. Anna stated that the interlocal is where we are spending a lot of time right now and all three are working on clarifying roles. Mike Smith stated he needs to know his role and employees roles so he can budget for it; which will be an addition to the agreement. Anna stated that section 8 will be removed and that she is hoping to bring it forward October 4th for both the interlocal agreement and resolution. Anna is in the process of updating the public participation plan with the cities and ecology added some comments and received an example and Anna is working on marrying them together. Anna stated the technical advisory group is still needed as well as a citizen advisory group a little later in the process. Commissioner Jewell stated the Douglas County plan is a good model to work with. Anna stated that RFQ's are currently out for additional help for the technical merits and interviews are going to be scheduled for September 23rd. Anna stated after the interviews are complete we will start working on a SOW and agreement. Anna also commented that if the county is going to opt into the Voluntary Stewardship program then we need to do so by January 22nd and that this is running concurrently with some of the process we are doing and that there is a planning directors conference later this week to discuss what other counties are doing.

Board Direction: No action taken.

Comp Plan Update:

Neil stated he put together a memo for the Com Plan and it will go through the various holding of the Supreme Court Case and that the eight points of the courts holdings are outlined and wanted to discuss the timeline and what needs to happen and stated that there may be a motion to dissolve the stay. Neil stated the county will then need to determine which applications were deemed complete and we can process them until the Supreme Court makes their final decision. Neil stated that he has met with the Department of Commerce planners and they have been exchanging info and they have identified us as someone they will help get through the GMA/Hearings Board Process. Commissioner Crankovich questioned at what point the board needs to give their recommendation. Neil stated fairly early on depending on if we want an easy or hard compliance effort. Commissioner Jewell questioned the public participation plan and staffing. Neil stated that it can be accomplished by Dan, Anna, Jeff and Neil.

Board Direction: No action taken.

2011 Docket Update:

Dan stated that tomorrow is the Planning Commission meeting for the Docket items and they meet again for deliberations and findings in October. Dan stated that he is thinking of bringing this to the board on October 25th at the Fairgrounds.

Board Direction: No action taken.

APPROVED
3/20/2012

*****Prosecuting Attorney*****

Cannabis Garden Update:

Commissioner Jewell questioned if the county could prohibit Cannabis Gardens. Neil stated no, the county can only pass resolutions and/or ordinances that are not in conflict with state law. Commissioner Jewell commented that the county can do nothing or we can use our land use authority and permit them with further constraints. Neil stated he would recommend that we do nothing and let the other entities that are jumping in do so and wait and see what happens. Commissioner Jewell questioned putting a moratorium on this to allow for more consideration. Neil stated that is allowed under GMA. Commissioner Crankovich commented that if we do that then we are buying into state law and ignoring federal law and he is not willing to do that. Board directed Neil to look into moratorium and report back to the board at the next study session.

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