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MEETING OF THE SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SUSTAINABLE SAN DIEGO

Friday, July 9, 2010

12 noon or immediately following the Board Policy Meeting – 1:30 p.m.

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ITEM

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the SANDAG Board of Directors and Sustainable San Diego will introduce themselves.

+2. PRESENTATION BY SUSTAINABLE SAN DIEGO

Sustainable San Diego will describe the work it is doing related to implementation of Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, 2008) (SB 375) and its interest in working with SANDAG as it develops the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, including the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

3. DISCUSSION BY MEMBERS OF THE SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SUSTAINABLE SAN DIEGO

Members of the SANDAG Board of Directors and Sustainable San Diego will discuss ways they could collaborate on implementation of SB 375. Possible next steps also will be summarized.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Board on any issue within the jurisdiction of SANDAG that is not on this agenda. Anyone desiring to speak shall reserve time by completing a "Request to Speak" form and giving it to the Clerk of the Board prior to speaking. Public speakers should notify the Clerk of the Board if they have a handout for distribution to Board members. Speakers are limited to three minutes. Board members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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Sustainable San Diego

Implementing a Sustainable Communities Strategy in San Diego Through a Community Collaborative Approach

PURPOSE

Being able to live affordably near public transportation, jobs, services and in a healthy environment is crucial to helping people move out of poverty. With the enactment of SB 375, (September 2008) referred to by a few as the “Anti-Sprawl Bill”, or by others as the, “Sustainable Communities Strategies Act”, San Diego now has the opportunity to encourage communities to develop land-use, housing, and transportation strategies that work within their particular built environment objectives, while also reducing the amount of green house gas (GHG) emissions produced by cars and light trucks. An emphasis on planning at the regional level is essential, and this might be one of the signature achievements of SB 375. It is not feasible to do planning on a city-by-city basis to locate housing close to employment centers or transportation choices. This can be accomplished only when the patterns of the region as a whole are examined. Additionally, SB375 gives us an opportunity to use the SCS to advance not only sustainability but also social equity by providing affordable homes, affordable transportation systems, healthy communities and a jobs/housing fit.

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Housing Federation (SDHF) has received a pass through grant from a Ford Foundation grant awarded to Housing California, the largest statewide organization the main purpose of which is to promote affordable housing and end homelessness. The Federation has assembled **Sustainable San Diego**, a collaborative, to oversee this process. The members of Sustainable SD are comprised of planners, environmental and transit advocates, philanthropic foundations, public health officials, academia, engineers, attorneys, the cycling community, minority communities, social equity proponents, environmental health agencies, architects, transportation specialists, elected official representatives, and the public.

Sustainable SD is tasked with the following:

- Work with the San Diego Council of Governments (SANDAG) on the regional level development of the RTP/SCS
- Develop a compendium of Best Management Practices (BMP) of planning and zoning techniques that can be used to create a development environment that supports the creation of sustainable communities and homes affordable to all. The techniques offered will be supported by analysis that documents the costs and benefits of each method. This toolbox will be shared with local advocates and decision-makers. It can also be shared with other affordable home coalitions and interests around the state.
- Educate the community about the importance of the Sustainable Communities Strategy and SB 375 to the future growth and health of the San Diego region.
- Encourage early adoption of the toolbox strategies, in the updates of the Community Plans for the City of San Diego that have just begun to assure that these community plans accommodate the need for sustainable and affordable development, and which will interrelate with the city’s overall housing element.
- Advocate for a RTP/SCS that maximizes social equity practices and avoids adverse social consequences.

OUTCOMES

1. Ensure that SB 375 provides environmental justice and social equity rooted in housing, transportation, health and economic opportunity.
2. Support and empower the local advocates to effectively participate in shaping San Diego's RTP/SCS, to support home and transportation affordability.
3. Increase environmental and other advocates' understanding of the importance of SB 375 to shape the future growth of our region to provide for sustainable and affordable communities.
4. Affect regional GHG emissions targets and RTP/SCS guidelines to address affordable housing and transportation.
5. More closely link renewed federal transportation funding with smart growth, Transit Oriented Development and home affordability.

In the long-term, we would like to see that the residents of San Diego have the opportunity to live in affordable homes in healthy communities in which they work and have the benefits of an efficient and affordable transportation system. We would like to do this by establishing a cohesive and collaborative effort whereby all segments of the community have a chance not only to develop together their vision for San Diego, but to have a real opportunity to actively participate in the implementation of this vision.

Sustainable San Diego Members:

Ann Tartre, Equinox Center
Barry Schultz, Former Planning Commission Chair and land use Attorney
Betsy Morris, Retired CEO, San Diego Housing Commission
Cheryl Moder, San Diego County Childhood Obesity Initiative
Corrine Wilson, Center on Policy Initiatives
Dave Gatzke, Community HousingWorks
Doris Payne-Camp, San Diego Housing Federation
Carleen Stoskopf, San Diego State University School of Public Health
Elyse Lowe, MOVE San Diego
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Michael Nagy, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
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Mirle Bussell, UCSD Urban Studies
Myles Pomeroy, retired planner
Nico Calavita, Professor Emeritus, San Diego State University, Urban Planning
Nina Smart, Jacobs Family Foundation
Norma Chavez-Peterson, Justice Overcoming Boundaries
Sara Steinhoffer, Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties
Stacey Langford Pennington, Downtown Partnership
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Tom Scott, San Diego Housing Federation
Tracy Delaney, County of San Diego Public Health
Zohir Chowdhury, San Diego State University School of Public Health