

## DRAFT MINUTES

### RPC Legislative Policy Committee

June 13, 2016

**\*\* 4:30 PM \*\***

**RPC Conference Room**

**Attending:** Barbara Kravitz (Chair); Tim Moore; James VanBokkelen; Cliff Sinnott (staff)

#### 1. Minutes of May 16, 2016

Minutes for May 16<sup>th</sup> were distributed and reviewed. James VanBokkelen noted several spelling corrections. Tim Moore moved approval; VanBokkelen seconded; SO VOTED

*[taken out fo order in discussion]*

#### 2. Legislative Session Wrap-up

Moore distributed his final Legislative Tracking update. Status of RPC priority legislation was reviewed (HB 1196, SB333, HB1660, HB1141, SB345, SB334, SB374, 342, HB11`61, SB364, HB1602) Several will require continued monitoring such as HB 1161.

#### 3. Strategy and Timing for SB 146

After continued discussion on the potential impacts of the enactment of SB146 the recommended course of action is as follows:

- RPC prepare a white paper to identify and document concerns identified including neighborhood density, parking and water quality concerns, and identify remedies; review draft white paper with SB146 proponents to ensure veracity of concerns. Present White paper at September 14 Commission meeting.
- Use Hampton letter and Portsmouth feedback in preparing white paper
- Update RPC model ADU ordinance to comply with SB146
- Conduct training/workshop for communities on SB146 compliance in September;
- LPC meets on Sept 26 to consider feedback from white paper and identifies recommendations for Exec. Comm. Meeting on Sept 28

#### 4. 2016 Legislative Forum Agenda – continued discussion

Options were reviewed from the prior meeting. Decision made to present the current framework to the Executive Committee for their input:

The focus of the forum will be on Economic Development. Legislative relevance are law governing

Enterprise Zones, TIF enabling, municipal tax sharing, State economic development and energy strategy alternative energy local tax abatement, DRED.

A rough topic agenda was discussed:

- Review the existing set of laws and tools intended to help local economic development (DRED or local EDD?)
- Review the set of problems communities face (Local EDD?)
- Define the mismatch between tools needed and deficiencies what is available

Potential panelists were discussed:

- Laurel Bistany to represent regional ED perspective
- Phil Wilson to represent small community interest in ED (tax base diversification)
- Community Economic Development Director (N. Carmer?)
- Jeff Rose (or other from DRED) to represent state perspective
- Don Marshall/CIBoR – Private interests promoting consistency between community planning and ED planning
- Tim Noonis Unitil – Utility Infrastructure need?
- CEO of local company?

#### **5. Proposed RPC Bylaw change re Legislative Committee**

A proposed bylaw amendment to establish the LPC as a standing committee was distributed by Sinnott for the Committee's consideration. The language was reviewed and modified in several places. It was agreed to present the following draft to the Executive Committee for their review and recommendation:

##### *LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE*

*The Legislative Policy Committee shall be established as a Standing Committee of the Rockingham Planning Commission and shall consist of up to seven (7) members appointed by the Executive Committee. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of three (3) members*

*The purpose of the the Legislative Policy Committee shall be to recommend to the Commission directly, or through the Executive Committee, positions and responses pertaining to proposed legislation in the General Court that it considers relevant and important to regional planning. Other duties of the Committee may include maintaining written legislative policies that are periodically presented for adoption by the Commission; providing testimony regarding legislation based on those policies; preparing educational materials on proposed or adopted legislation, and organizing an Annual Legislative Forum sponsored by the Commission.*

#### **6. Process for updating 2016-17 Legislative Priorities and documentation.**

The need to develop updated legislative policy support documentation was discussed. Consensus was that they are not needed in present detail. Moore said the policy summary and policy detail have gotten mixed up and suggested added a small amount of detail to the main (front) policies and abandon the rest. There was consensus with this approach except to retain the detail from posterity/historical background

#### **7. Next meeting: actions and agenda items – not discussed**

8. **Adjourn:** meeting adjourned at 6:20