

MINUTES

HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Tamalpais Conference Room
375 Beale Street, 7th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

1. Roll Call / Introductions (Chair, Carlos Romero) [11:00 / 5]

Paul Penninger, Pat Ekhlund, Carlos Romero, Melissa Jones (call in)

2. Approval of agenda (Chair)

3. Approval of May and June minutes

(Chair)11:05 / 5]

No Quorum present

4. Public comment on items not on the agenda (Chair)

[11:10 / 5]

Session Overview and Housing Updates (A. Chan)

[11:15 / 10]

Ada Chan, Regional Planner, provided an update on the APR Data, HCD SB2 technical assistance, MTC technical assistance study and the HCD SB35 toolkit.

Member Ekhlund request information on what jurisdictions had not responded to survey and which, if any, electeds were included.

6. Discussion and Action Item Committee Purpose and Utility (C. Romero)[11:15/12:15]

Committee Members will review history and purpose of the Committee in the context of the changing housing landscape, state trends and organizational changes.

Chair Romero shared excerpt from original March 29th 2016 memo to RPC regarding the Housing Sub-Committee's purpose:

“The main purpose of this subcommittee is to focus on the draft regional Housing Action Agenda with a particular emphasis on prioritizing specific collaboration efforts and tools, identifying renovation innovation projects, and developing the Regional Housing Trust Fund. “

Agenda

Chair Romero summarized June conversation of where there might be opportunities for the committee to be effective.

Committee Members discussed and agreed that they would be interested in continuing to as a committee if their work would inform or influence policies or decisions of the RPC and ABAG Executive Board.

The following possible areas of work/roles for the committee were raised:

- Re-asserting housing as a pre-eminent issue among the 101 jurisdictions.

- Taking issues that are the most thorny, complicated and uncomfortable.

- Looking at policies and actions that make sense at a regional or sub regional implementation level.

- Being a kitchen cabinet of housing policy experts willing to do deep dives on specific housing policy issues to save work for staff and people on the RPC.

- Working on a more integrated approach to the Production, Preservation and Protection framework.

The members discussed structural changes that would need to be addressed if the committee were to continue to meet; Committee make up would need to be expanded to include more housing professionals and to represent a broader base of jurisdictions. Issues explored would need to warrant being elevated to the RPC and ABAG housing policy discussions and that there would need to be a more formal structure for decision making within the committee.

The relevance of the committee is as an advisor to the RPC. The committee would like to make recommendations on actionable items being brought before the RPC and/or ABAG Executive Committee. This would require information be provided to the committee months in advance so discussion could occur and recommendations could be forwarded to RPC on a timely basis.

Committee members that suggested that in order to move forward they would need a workplan, dedicated staff support, support from leadership and a clear role within the RPC.

All committee members were open to the possibility that there may not be a need for the committee, and the interest in being useful to staff.

7. Next Steps

Chair Romero will talk to Karen /Ken regarding RPC Agenda.

Ada will draft a 1-2 page description of committee and rules of engagement.

8. Adjourn

[12:30]