

APA Colorado Legislative Committee
Tuesday, December 13, 2005 ~ 6:00 pm
Webb City and County Building
201 W. Colfax; Room 2.E.2

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Ellen Ittleson, City and County of Denver
Abby Janusz, APA Colorado
Bill Johnston, Denver Regional Council of Governments
Chuck Malick, APA Colorado Legislative Liaison
Don Moore, Douglas County
Lindsey Royce, Parsons Brinkerhoff
Liz Telford, Committee Co-Chair, RTD Denver
Susan Wood, Committee Co-Chair, Douglas County

The Committee discussed the Colorado Comprehensive Planning Act including the general purpose of the Act, the update requirements in the Act, definition of the planning area, the dispute resolution process, and the impact of annexation on long-range planning.

The committee discussed ways to clarify the talking points drafted by Kiersten Faulkner. The committee reported on contacts they have made. Bill relayed conversations regarding the bill with the Farm Bureau and the state homebuilders. The committee discussed a rumored bill that would mandate a growth cap. The committee discussed whether it would be appropriate to garner the support of the Insurance industry.

Chuck updated the committee on his meeting with Graham Billingsley and the Colorado Environmental Coalition. The CEC is willing to assist with marketing.

The committee discussed the drafting process. The draft of the bill may be available by the end of this week.

Chuck updated the committee on the status of the proposed bill or constitutional amendment concerning eminent domain. He has been in contact with Don Elliot on this topic.

The committee discussed how to lobby cities to build a coalition for the bill.

The committee discussed other bills that will be introduced including an oil/gas bill that is pitting subsurface rights against surface advocates (including homebuilders, environmental groups, residents groups, and others).

Susan and Liz met with Meghan Pfanstiel, APA Colorado's Media Committee Chair. They highlighted their meeting for the committee. The committee will be subscribing to the media contacts list. The Board approved a budget increase for the legislative committee in 2006.

Ellen spoke with a representative of NAIOP (National Association of Industrial and Office Properties) and, although they have not seen the bill, think they could support it. Bill will speak with a representative of the Urban Land Institute about the bill as well.

Lindsey has been following the green buildings legislation. She reported that the bill's proponents are interested in pursuing a Resolution rather than legislation this year. There was consensus from the committee to continue supporting this issue.

Susan asked Abby to resend Kiersten's revised talking points out to the legislative committee.

The committee will meet next on Tuesday, January 3, 2005. Abby will confirm the location. We may be able to meet at Liz's office.