Subject: Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number RZA16-005
Applicant(s): Harry Fry
Agenda Item Number: 7B
Proposed amendment: To amend the regulatory zone within the South Valleys Area Plan from the Low Density Rural Regulatory Zone to the Medium Density Rural and General Rural Regulatory Zones
Recommendation: Approval
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Description:

Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number RZA16-005 (Marango Road) – Hearing, discussion, and possible action to recommend approval of an amendment to the South Valleys Regulatory Zone Map, changing the regulatory zone from Low Density Rural (LDR) to Medium Density Rural (MDR) and General Rural (GR) on three adjacent parcels totaling 40.12 acres in size. The proposed amendment will establish 34.86 acres of MDR and 5.26 acres of GR.

- Applicant/Owner: Harry Fry
- Location: Steamboat Rural Transition Mixed Use Character Management Area; South of Marango Road, approximately 3000 feet south of the intersection of Toll Road and Ravazza Road
- Assessor’s Parcel Numbers: 050-571-24, 050-571-25, 050-571-26
- Parcel Size: 13.13 acres, 13.34 acres, 13.65 acres (±40.12 acres total)
- Master Plan Category: Rural Residential
- Current Regulatory Zone: Low Density Rural
- Proposed Regulatory Zones: Medium Density Rural and General Rural
- Area Plan: South Valleys
- Citizen Advisory Board: South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley
- Development Code: Article 821, Amendment of Regulatory Zone
- Commission District: 2 – Commissioner Lucey
- Section/Township/Range: Section 3, T17N, R20E, MDM, Washoe County, NV
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Regulatory zones are designed to implement and be consistent with the Master Plan by ensuring that the stability and character of the community will be preserved for those who live and work in the unincorporated areas of the County. A regulatory zone cannot be changed if it conflicts with the objectives or policies of the Master Plan, including area plans that further define policies for specific communities. The Master Plan is the blueprint for development within the unincorporated County. Pursuant to NRS 278, any action of the County relating to zoning must conform to the Washoe County Master Plan.

Evaluation of the proposed Regulatory Zone Amendment involves review for compliance with countywide policies found in Volume One of the Washoe County Master Plan and applicable area plan policies found in Volume Two of the Washoe County Master Plan. If the subject parcel(s) is within a Specific Plan, Joint Plan or Community Plan found in Volume Three of the Master Plan, then supplemental review shall be required to ensure compliance with the applicable plan. Additionally, the analysis includes review of the proposed amendment against the findings found in Washoe County Code Chapter 110, Article 821 and any findings as set forth in the appropriate Area Plan.

Requests to change a regulatory zone affecting a parcel of land or a portion of a parcel are processed under Washoe County Code Chapter 110, Article 821, Amendment of Regulatory Zone. Rezoning or reclassification of a lot or parcel from one Regulatory Zone to another requires action by both the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners.

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Side by Side Comparison
Existing Regulatory Zone Map & Proposed Regulatory Zone Map
ANALYSIS

The applicants requested a regulatory zone amendment on three properties with an existing regulatory zone of Low Density Rural (LDR) to Medium Density Rural (MDR) for an overall density of 7 units throughout the 40 acres. Following a review of the slope analysis, staff asked the applicants to change their request to include General Rural (GR) regulatory zone to reflect the areas with slope over 30 percent. The applicant has since modified their request to reflect the GR regulatory zone. The change will now allow for a maximum density of 7 units throughout the 40 acre property.

Current Conditions

The property currently has an LDR regulatory zone which allows one dwelling unit per 10 acres. All three properties are vacant, however there is a driveway that crosses the middle property (APN: 050-571-25). The surrounding properties have LDR regulatory zones to the north, south and west; Open Space regulatory zone to the east; and, High Density Rural (HDR) regulatory zone diagonally to the northwest. The LDR and MDR regulatory zones have the same front yard setbacks of 30 feet, however, the side yard setbacks are 50 feet for the LDR regulatory zone and 15 feet for the MDR regulatory zone. The proposed amendment will establish 34.86 acres of MDR and 5.26 acres of GR, increasing the allowable density for all three properties from 3 lots to 7 lots.

Change of Conditions

There have been a number of new homes constructed in the immediate area since the South Valleys Area Plan was last updated. Additionally, the properties immediately to the northwest have a regulatory zone of HDR with an average lot size of under 3 acres within that development. The applicants have conducted a slope analysis and have demonstrated that most of the property has slopes less than 30%. Those areas of slopes greater than 30% shall be changed to a GR regulatory zone to reflect those severely constrained areas. Smaller areas of over 30% slope that are under 1/3 acre in size shall not be designated GR. This practice reflects the policy established in the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan.

Consistency with Master Plan and Regulatory Zone Map

The subject properties are located within the Steamboat Valley Rural Transition Mixed Use Community Management Area of the South Valleys Area Plan. The proposed MDR regulatory zone is an allowed use within the Steamboat Rural Transition Mixed Use Community Management Area and there are no policies within the South Valleys Area Plan that would conflict with the request to amend the properties to MDR.
Compatible Land Uses

In determining compatibility with surrounding land uses, staff reviewed the Land Use Compatibility Matrix with the proposed Regulatory Zone. The compatibility matrix is found in the Land Use and Transportation Element in Volume One of the Washoe County Master Plan. The compatibility between the proposed and existing adjacent regulatory zones is captured in the table below.

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High Compatibility: Little or no screening or buffering necessary.
Medium Compatibility: Some screening and buffering necessary.
Low Compatibility: Significant screening and buffering necessary.
Desired Pattern of Growth

The land uses found in the South Valleys planning area reflect a rural character. While some parts of the South Valleys are developed in a pattern typical of more suburban areas, overall the area’s communities enjoy a decidedly rural feel. The proposed regulatory zones of MDR and GR retain the rural character envisioned within this area plan.

Availability of Facilities

The subject properties are not served by community water or sewer. Upon development, these properties will require the establishment of well and septic systems, in keeping with the proposed rural designations of the subject properties.

South Valleys Area Plan Assessment

The proposed regulatory zone amendment complies with the Area Plan’s Character Statement and policies. The applicants are proposing a rural regulatory zone which is consistent with the character statement and all of the policies specific to the Steamboat Valley Rural Character Management Area. Furthermore, the re-designation of the properties with steep slopes over 30 percent to General Rural (from Low Density Rural) will further preserve the vision of the South Valleys Area Plan.

SV.1.2 Policy Growth Level: As described in the Character Statement, the South Valleys’ character is a distinct integration of the human and natural environments. Therefore, in order to manage the conservation of this distinctive character, all requests to intensify existing land uses will be carefully reviewed for their potential impact to the sustainable management of the area’s natural resources, including but not limited to water and wildlife habitat. The resource management policies and procedures articulated in this plan are intended to ensure that all growth in the South Valleys planning area occurs within the limits of sustainable resource management.

Staff Response: The application is a request for an intensification from 3 lots to a maximum of 7 lots. The proposed intensification does not impact the sustainable management of the area’s natural resources. The proposed amendment will ensure that future development will preserve the constrained portions of the property. There are no endangered species within close proximity to the subject property and no identified migration routes or sensitive habitat areas in or around the property.

Goal Three: Steamboat Valley Rural Transition Character Management Area. Establish and support the development of a small mixed-use district that will provide a transitional area between the urban character areas within the incorporated City of Reno to the north the rural character of the Steamboat and Pleasant Valleys.

SV.3.2 In order to reflect the transitional character of this community, the Steamboat Valley Rural Transition Character Management Area, as depicted on the South Valleys Character Management Plan map, will provide a wide range of residential land uses.
Residential land uses will range from rural to suburban. The location of these designations on the Master Plan map will reflect the transitional character of the community.

**Staff Response:** The proposed Medium Density Rural (MDR) regulatory zone responds well to the desired land use pattern helping to create an appropriate mix of residential uses within the area.

SV.3.5 Potential historic and cultural resources exist throughout the Steamboat Valley Community. Development should be preceded by efforts to identify cultural and historical resources and provide for their conservation.

**Staff Response:** At the time of a future request to subdivide the subject properties, staff will submit those applications to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review and comment regarding the preservation/protection of any potential cultural and historic resources on site.

SV.12.2 The Washoe County Departments of Community Development and Public Works will establish and oversee compliance and enforcement of design standards for grading that minimize the visual impact of all residential and non-residential hillside development, including road cuts and driveways.

**Staff Response:** Any gradingdevelopment on site will require compliance with Washoe County Code (WCC) Chapter 110, Article 438 (Grading) and Article 424 (Hillside Development). Compliance with these code provisions will ensure that future grading will be limited and the hillsides will be preserved.

SV.12.3 The grading design standards referred to in Policy SV.12.2 will, at a minimum, ensure that disturbed areas shall be finished and fill slopes will not exceed a 3:1 slope, and that hillside grading will establish an undulating naturalistic appearance by creating varying curvilinear contours.

**Staff Response:** The subject properties contain gentle to steep slopes. The grading standards in Policy SV.12.2 mirror the standards found in WCC Chapter 110. Staff will ensure that future development complies with all grading requirements of WCC Chapter 110 and the South Valleys Area Plan.

SV.12.5 Viewsheds and ridgelines shall be protected from significant degradation. Development near ridgelines should blend with the natural contours of the land and shall be sited in such a way so as not to create a silhouette against the skyline. Ridgeline areas that skyline are those viewed from any scenic corridor at a distance of 2.5 miles or less. Corridors for Washoe Valley include U.S. Highway 395, Eastlake Boulevard and Franktown Road. While full mitigation of development impacts may not be reasonable, negative impacts to the views throughout Washoe Valley should be minimized.
SV.12.6 Even though development on slopes greater than 15 percent is discouraged, development on said slopes shall be managed in conjunction with all Washoe County Development Code requirements, such as Article 424, *Hillside Development*, as applicable. Requirements include minimizing impacts on prominent ridgelines, significant viewsheds, canyons and visually prominent rock outcroppings which reflect the visual value and scenic character of hillside areas.

**Staff Response:** All ridgelines and slopes over 30 percent will be protected from development as these areas are recommended to be amended to the General Rural regulatory zone. Additionally, any grading on slopes over 30 percent will require the approval of a special use permit.

**Goal Twenty-four:** Water resources will be supplied to land uses in the South Valleys planning area according to the best principles/practices of sustainable resource development. Because all existing residences are supplied by groundwater wells, future development must be constrained to the sustainable groundwater yield of the Washoe Valley, Pleasant Valley, and other adjoining basins in the planning area, and minimize unreasonable pumping impacts to domestic wells.

1.3.d, "Water Resources and Land Use;" Proposed projects or land use changes or changes to the Truckee Meadows Service Area that create or exacerbate a potential water supply deficiency are allowable. Long-range land use plans generally include more zoning and land use opportunities than will be developed within a specific planning horizon (20 years for example). Under the current regulations in the region, land use or zoning designations do not guarantee an allocation of future water resources. This applies to both surface and groundwater, including groundwater for domestic wells. Land use designations that create a potential water supply deficiency within the Truckee Meadows Service Area are consistent with current long-range land use planning practices. This allows for flexibility in actual development and avoids the perception of land storages. While a potential water supply deficiency is allowable based on approved land uses, water supply commitments may only be approved pursuant to Policy 1.3.e.

**Staff Response:** The subject property is currently outside of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) service area and will be served by individual wells. Any newly created parcel will require the purchase of new water rights sufficient enough to serve a new residence.

1.3.e, "Water Resource Commitments;" and, Issuance of new commitments against a water resource or combination of resources shall be made in conformance with existing State Engineer permits, certificates or orders; water purveyor rules or policies; and/or local government policies. The local governments, water purveyors, and State Engineer will seek to achieve a balance between commitments and the sustainable yield of the resources in the region.
Staff Response: Prior to the creation of any new parcels the appropriate water resource commitments per state and local requirements will be required.

Development Suitability within the South Valleys Area Plan

The South Valleys Development Suitability Map identifies slopes greater than 15 percent, slopes greater than 30 percent and a protected ridgeline on the property. As noted earlier, those areas with slopes greater than 30 percent are recommended to be amended to the General Rural regulatory zone.

Citizen Advisory Board (CAB)

The proposed amendment was submitted to the South Truckee Meadows/ Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) and was discussed during their August 11, 2016 meeting. The minutes of that meeting are attached. The CAB recommended unanimous approval of the proposed request.

The minutes from the August 11, 2016 CAB meeting reflect the following comments and concerns (Exhibit B):

- Limited access to the property from Majestic View Drive.
- Roadway improvements to the site would be desirable.
- Increased traffic
- Concern raised regarding impact to animals/wildlife and cattle.
- The character of the area is for larger lots.

Public Notice

Notice for Regulatory Zone amendments must be given in accordance with the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes 278.260, as amended.

Owners of all real property to be noticed are owners identified on the latest County Assessor's ownership maps and records. Such notice is complied with when notice is sent to the last known addresses of such real property owners as identified in the latest County Assessor's records. Any person who attends the public hearing is considered to be legally noticed unless those persons can provide evidence that they were not notified according to the provisions of WCC Section 110.821.20.

A minimum of 30 property owners within 750 feet of the area to which the proposed amendment pertains must be noticed by mail at least 10 days before the public hearing date. Notice must also be given in a newspaper of general circulation within Washoe County at least 10 days before the public hearing date.
Noticing for this proposal included 34 property owners within 750 feet of the subject parcel(s) which were noticed by mail not less than 10 days before today’s public hearing. The notice map is attached to this staff report as Exhibit E.

Agency Comments

The proposed amendment was submitted to the following agencies for review and comment.

- Washoe County Community Services Department
  - Planning and Development Division
  - Engineering and Capital Projects Division
  - Utilities (Sewer)
- Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)
- Washoe County Health District
- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District
- Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)

Four out of the seven above listed agencies/departments provided comments in response to their evaluation of the project application. A summary of each agency’s comments and their contact information is provided.

- Washoe County Planning and Development determined that the regulatory zone amendment complies with all of the goals and policies of the Master Plan.
  Contact: Trevor Lloyd, 328-3620, tlloyd@washoecounty.us

- Washoe County Health District addressed future onsite well and septic, roadside ditches and Vector-Borne disease prevention.
  Contact: James English and Jim Shaffer, 775-328-2434, jenglish@washoecounty.us and jshaffer@washoecounty.us

- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District was looking for more detailed plans with future development.
  Contact: Amy Ray, 326-6000, aray@washoecounty.us

- Washoe County Water Management addressed water rights.
  Contact: Vahid Behmaram, 954-4647, vbehmaram@washoecounty.us

Staff Comment on Required Findings

WCC Section 110.821.15 requires that all of the following findings be made to the satisfaction of the Washoe County Planning Commission before recommending adoption to the Board of County Commissioners. Staff has completed an analysis of the Regulatory Zone Amendment RZA16-005.
application and has determined that the proposal is in compliance with the required findings as follows.

1. The proposed amendment is in substantial compliance with the policies and action programs of the Master Plan and the Regulatory Zone Map.

   **Staff Comment:** The proposed amendment does not conflict with the policies and action programs of the Master Plan and the South Valleys Area Plan as detailed in this staff report.

2. The proposed amendment will provide for land uses compatible with (existing or planned) adjacent land uses, and will not adversely impact the public health, safety or welfare.

   **Staff Comment:** The proposed amendment will create regulatory zones that are compatible with adjacent regulatory zones and uses. The proposed amendment conforms to all applicable policies of the South Valleys Area Plan and the Washoe County Master Plan. The proposed amendment will not result in a conflict with the public’s health, safety or welfare.

3. The proposed amendment responds to changed conditions or further studies that have occurred since the plan was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, and the requested amendment represents a more desirable utilization of land.

   **Staff Comment:** This proposal supports the rural residential growth pattern within the Steamboat Valley Rural Character Management Area and the South Valleys Area Plan. There is a mix of High Density Rural, Low Density Rural and General Rural properties within the immediate vicinity.

4. There are or are planned to be adequate transportation, recreation, utility, and other facilities to accommodate the uses and densities permitted by the proposed amendment.

   **Staff Comment:** The property is a rural residential property requiring minimal services and facilities. However, there is adequate transportation infrastructure to serve this property, trails and parks within close proximity and hookup for power is available. No sewer or water service is available at this time.

5. The proposed amendment will not adversely affect the implementation of the policies and action programs of the Washoe County Master Plan.

   **Staff Comment:** The proposed amendment does not conflict with the policies and action programs of the Master Plan and the South Valleys Area Plan as detailed in this staff report.
6. The proposed amendment will promote the desired pattern for the orderly physical growth of the County and guides development of the County based on the projected population growth with the least amount of natural resource impairment and the efficient expenditure of funds for public services.

**Staff Comment:** The proposed amendment will further implement the desired pattern of growth, which promotes the rural residential feel, particularly within the Steamboat Valley Rural Character Management Area.

7. The proposed amendment will not affect the location, purpose and mission of the military installation.

**Staff Comment:** No military installation is located within the required noticing distance to the subject property. Therefore, this finding is not required to be made.

**Recommendation**

Those agencies which reviewed the application provided commentary in support of approval of the proposed amendment. Therefore, after a thorough analysis and review, it is recommended that the proposed Regulatory Zone Amendment be recommended for adoption to the Board of County Commissioners. The following motion is provided for your consideration:

**Motion**

I move that after giving reasoned consideration to the information contained in the staff report and information received during the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommends adoption of the proposed Regulatory Zone Amendment map as identified as Exhibit B to the resolution having made all of the following findings in accordance with Washoe County Code Section 110.821.15. I further move to certify the resolution and the proposed Regulatory Zone Amendment in RZA16-005 as set forth in this staff report for submission to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners and authorize the chair to sign the resolution on behalf of the Planning Commission.

1. The proposed amendment is in substantial compliance with the policies and action programs of the Master Plan and the Regulatory Zone Map.

2. The proposed amendment will provide for land uses compatible with (existing or planned) adjacent land uses, and will not adversely impact the public health, safety or welfare.

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4. There are or are planned to be adequate transportation, recreation, utility, and other facilities to accommodate the uses and densities permitted by the proposed amendment.

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**Appeal Process**

Planning Commission action will be effective 10 calendar days after the written decision is filed with the Secretary to the Planning Commission and mailed to the original applicant, unless the action is appealed to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners, in which case the outcome of the appeal shall be determined by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners. Any appeal must be filed in writing with the Planning and Development Division within 10 calendar days after the written decision is filed with the Secretary to the Planning Commission and mailed to the original applicant.

xc: Applicant/Owner: Harry Fry, 761 Greenbrae Drive, Sparks, NV 89431

Consultant: Allen Gray and Ed Thomas, Gray and Associates, 130 Vine Street, Reno, NV 89431
RESOLUTION OF THE WASHOE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF REGULATORY ZONE AMENDMENT CASE NUMBER RZA16-005 AND
THE AMENDED SOUTH VALLEYS REGULATORY ZONE MAP

Resolution Number 16-18

WHEREAS

A. Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number RZA16-005 came before the Washoe County Planning Commission for a duly noticed public hearing on November 16, 2016; and

B. The Washoe County Planning Commission heard input from both staff and the public regarding the proposed Regulatory Zone Amendment; and

C. The Washoe County Planning Commission gave reasoned consideration to the information it has received regarding the proposed Regulatory Zone Amendment; and

D. Pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 110.821.15(d), the Washoe County Planning Commission made the following findings necessary to support its recommendation for adoption of the proposed Regulatory Zone Amendment, Case Number RZA16-005:

1. Consistency with Master Plan. The proposed amendment is in substantial compliance with the policies and action programs of the Master Plan and the Regulatory Zone map;

2. Compatible Land Uses. The proposed amendment will provide for land use compatible with (existing or planned) adjacent land uses, and will not adversely impact the public health, safety or welfare;

3. Response to Changed Conditions. The proposed amendment responds to changed conditions or further studies that have occurred since the plan was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, and the requested amendment represents a more desirable utilization of land;

4. Availability of Facilities. There are adequate transportation, recreation, utility and other facilities to accommodate the uses and densities permitted by the proposed Regulatory Zone Amendment;

5. Master Plan Policies and Action Programs. The proposed amendment will not adversely affect the implementation of the policies and action programs of the Washoe County Master Plan;

6. Desired Pattern of Growth. The proposed amendment will promote the desired pattern for the orderly physical growth of the County and guides development of the County based on the projected population growth with the least amount of natural resource impairment and the efficient expenditure of funds for public services, and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 110.821.15(c) and (d):

1. The Washoe County Planning Commission does hereby recommend APPROVAL of Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number RZA16-005 and the amended South Valleys Regulatory Zone map as contained in Exhibit A to this resolution, changing the current regulatory zone on three parcels totaling 40.12-acres subject property located south of Marango Road (APN 050-571-24, 050-571-25 and 050-571-26) from Low Density Rural (LDR) to 34.86 acres of Medium Density Rural (MDR) and 5.26 acres of General Rural (GR); and,

2. A report describing this amendment and the discussion of it at this public hearing, this recommendation, and the vote on the recommendation be forwarded to the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED on November 16, 2016

WASHOE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:

ATTEST:

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Carl R. Webb, Jr., AICP, Secretary  James Barnes, Chair
South Truckee Meadows/Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board

DRAFT: Approval of these draft minutes, or any changes to the draft minutes, will be reflected in writing in the next meeting minutes and/or in the minutes of any future meeting where changes to these minutes are approved by the CAB. Minutes of the regular meeting of the South Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board held August 11, at 6:00 P.M. at the South Valleys Library at 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno, Nevada.

1. *CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM
Member Present: Jim Rummings, Steven Kelly, Marcy Kupfersmith (alternate filling in for Jason Katz), Bob Vaught (alternate for Patricia Phillips), and Kimberly Rossiter. A quorum was determined.

Absent members: Jason Katz (excused), Patricia Phillips.

2. *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Jim Rummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. *PUBLIC COMMENT –

Bill Horn said he is running for District G for the School District. He said he has experience in public funds; has had no OML violations; and has 50 years of education volunteer. He said we need to elect someone who has the strength to ask the tough questions. He said everyone should understand WC1. He said he attended the overcrowding meetings. He is concerned for the board using public funds. There are a lot of important things on the ballot. Please vote for Bill Horn on November 8th.

Allayne Everett said she represents Washoe County Airport Noise Abatement Advisory Panel. She said the work has been completed and they have come up with best practices. She said there are some ideas by Energy Fit Nevada for doing some rehab to your homes for noise and weather best practices. She said Richard Miller is the airport noise analyst, 775-328-6967. He can answer any questions.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2016 – Steve Kelly moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of AUGUST 11, 2016. Kimberly Rossiter seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 14, 2016– Steven Kelly moved to approval the meeting minutes for the meeting of JULY 14, 2016. Kimberly Rossiter seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6. *COMMISSIONER UPDATE – Commissioner Lucey was unable to attend. Please feel free to contact Commissioner Lucey at blucey@washoeCounty.us or (775) 328-2012. To sign up to receive email updates from the County visit www.washoeCounty.us/cmail. (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB).

7. *Carmella Ranch (Planned Unit Development – Approved – 2008) – Presentation from Perry Di Loreto, Di Loreto Homes, regarding Caramella Ranch project located within the City of Reno jurisdiction on the north and south sides of Western Skies Drive north of Reading Street. Citizen Advisory Board members and the public will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the project. (This item is for information only and no action will be taken by the CAB) • APN: 143-120-08, 143-120-07, 143-120-06, 143-120-01 • Reviewing Body: This project is within the jurisdiction of the City of Reno with a previously approved PUD. • Planned Unit Development (PUD) handbook: www.reno.gov/home/showdocument?id=25142

Perry Di Loreto gave an overview with exhibits:
He said he promised to come back to the CAB before they moved forward with the project.

The project scope:
- 289 acres in size
- In 2008 the PUD was approved by the City of Reno
and possible approval to amend the Southeast Truckee Meadows Area Plan Modifiers to increase the allowable residential density from two dwelling units per acre to two-and-a-half dwelling units per acre within the Toll Road Character Management Area, and to provide development standards regarding required lot area and adjacency with existing lots. • Applicant: Silver Crest Homes, Attn.: Rich Balestreri, 18500 Wedge Parkway, Bldg. A, Suite 200, Reno, NV 89511 • Property Owner: Charles B. Maddox, PO Box 70577, Reno, NV 89570 • Location: Toll Road Character Management Area – between Geiger Grade and Toll Road • APN: various • Staff: Roger D. Pelham, 775-328-3622, rpelham@washoeCounty.us • Reviewing Body: This case is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission. This case was previously heard by the STM/VV CAB on June 9 and July 14, 2016 meeting.

Stacy Huggins, Wood Rogers with Ryan Newman, Silver Crest Homes were present to answer any questions:

She said they are working on what they plan on doing. She said at the last meeting, they spoke about reducing the area; she doesn’t believe whatever they decide will impact the entire area plan. She hopes to be back next month with a plan.

Barbara Rainey thanked the developers for working with community. She said it makes sense they can focus on their specific area. Any potential federal lands bill fall out - 50 acres that will be transferred to the County in the Toll Road area with different size. Any density increase, the amount of land available to be impacted by the density will be increased. She said she wanted to make sure the CAB stays on top of it. It’s in a high flood area. The BLM is transferring to Washoe County Lands Bil. It will be open for development, park, or open space. Local control. We need to keep an eye on it.

B. Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number RZA16-005 (Marango Road) – Request for community feedback, discussion and possible approval of an amendment to the South Valleys Regulatory Zone Map, changing the regulatory zone from Low Density Rural to Medium Density Rural on three adjacent parcels totaling 40.12 acres in size. • Applicant/Owner: Harry Fry • Location: Steamboat Rural Transition Mixed Use Character Management Area; South of Marango Road, approximately 3000 feet south of the intersection of Toll Road and Ravazza Road • Assessor’s Parcel Numbers: 050-571-24, 050-571-25, 050-571-26 • Staff: Eva Krause, 775-328-3628, ekrause@washoeCounty.us • Reviewing Body: The following case is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission in October 2016.

• 40 acres of land
• Low density to medium density rural
• 5 acres ranches
• Private driveways
• 3,000 sq foot

• A public member said the easement concerns 3 parcels; the easement through Majestic View Drive – only 3 parcels can be accessed from Majestic View Drive.
• Michelle Spencer she said she is behind the subject property. She said she is land locked. She said he would have to re-route the traffic to the single lane drive. She said he has to take a 4 wheel drive truck to get to her property. She said she would like some improvements. She wants to see the layout first. She has 120 acre land near the property.
• Harry Fry said this is the first step of the process. He foresees that improvement of the roads would be a requirement for development.
• Roger Pelham said there are 3 parcels for 3 dwelling units. He said if the zoning changes, it would double the amount of homes to 8. He said there would be a hearing and it would come before this board and the planning commission. He said if the developer chose to do a serial parcel map, it would be a minor subdivision. He could do 3 and a remainder, and then do another 3 and a remainder to get 8 lots. Parcel maps don’t come before the planning commission or the CAB. The parcel map committee would review it.
• Michelle said there are 80 acres with nothing on it; no power, no roads. She said we will go from 3 homes that would be spread out to 8 homes. She said if there are 8 homes approved, that could be potentially 20 cars on that road.
• Jim Rummings asked about the CAB conditional recommendation. Roger Pelham, Washoe County Planning and Development, said he is here on behalf of Eva Krause. He said if the CAB decide today that 1 unit per 5 acres is appropriate not knowing what the lot layout looks like, we can’t change it later. They have the rights of that zoning. It’s either appropriate or not. Once the zoning is there, you have those rights. Step two is tentative subdivision or a series of parcel maps. That is when you get to look at lot layout, utilities, access, and grading, visual impact – those project specifics that you are not deciding today.

• Bob Vaught asked about the criteria we can use to make a decision. Roger Pelham said fact finding and discretion of consistency with community and how we want it to look like. Roger said they look at compatibility, infrastructure exists to reasonability, surrounding zoning for determination. He spoke about spot zoning.

• Harry Fry said he built the neighborhood near this subject property. He said we are looking at 1 per 6 acres down that access road. He said he couldn’t provide a lot layout.

• Roger Pelham said critical thing is constraints on the parcel; he said there is a drainage way with steep slopes. Truckee Meadow Regional Planning restrict lots on slopes.

• Michelle said that land is hilly with a creek. It’s not a total of 40 acres of buildable land. You are putting homes close to each other. She said her family has been owned that land for 150 years. What about those animals. She said there are a lot of impacts.

• Colleen asked about the lot size. Jim Rummings said if there is unbuildable land, he won’t be able to do 8 homes.

• Roger Pelham said the characteristics of development code: MDS - 1 dwelling per 5 acres. Doesn’t mean they have to be on 5 acres. It does mean the minimum is 4 acre. That allows for roads, easements, and other infrastructure to serve the subdivision. That is only in terms of lot and block subdivision. There is a common open space subdivision article 608 of development code. If the developer leaves areas open to address natural constraints, common amenities, there is no development lot size in an open space subdivision. He said it’s premature to talk about this.

• Steve Kelly asked about the common open space subdivision on the lot using this zoning, how many homes with the proposed zoning. Roger said either way it doesn’t change the density.

• Harry Fry said this isn’t spot zoning; he spoke about the area zoning. He said most people don’t want 5 acres to maintain.

• Jim Rummings said not all lots are flat. He said you might own 5 acres, but part of that land might be on a slope. It’s not crowded and it’s peaceful. Jim said there is a lot of wildlife around his home. He said he doesn’t feel that animals are affected.

• Michelle said there are no homes, fences or power in that area now. There are huge lots out there. It’s an impact. She said it may help her in the future because the road would be improved, but she said they graze cattle out there. There are ranchers and farmers.

• Colleen said the property backs up to BLM land. It’s misrepresented. She said there are different lot sizes. She is concerned about the 3 lots on her road. The character is to have bigger parcels out there.

• Harry Fry said he was considering running water and sewer out there for higher density, but he said he decided against it to keep it lower density.

• Marsy asked if the neighbors were concerned. Michelle said she didn’t know who was notified. She said she doesn’t mind homes, but 8 homes is a lot in her back yard.

MOTION: Steven Kelly moved to approve the zoning change. Kimberly Rossiter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. *CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS - No items.
10. *PUBLIC COMMENT – No comments.
ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:10

Number of CAB members present: 5
Number of Public Present: 15
Presence of Elected Officials: 1
Number of staff present: 2
Respectfully submitted by: Misty Moga
Trevor,
I have reviewed the referenced Zone Amendment and have no comments or conditions from engineering or roads.
Thx,
Kimble

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RE: Marango Road, APN 050-571-24, 050-571-25 & 050-571-26
    Regulatory Zone Amendment, RZA16-005

Dear Mr. Pelham;

The Washoe County Health District, Environmental Health Services Division (Division), Engineering and Vector have reviewed the above referenced project. Approval by this Division is subject to the following conditions:

1. This proposal is for a zoning amendment for the referenced parcels to be re-zoned and served by onsite domestic water wells and onsite individual sewage disposal systems.
2. If roadside ditches are proposed the Health District will require 4-6 inch cobble rock in the flow line of the ditches to reduce the downstream transport of sediment (Health Regulations Governing the Prevention of Vector-Borne Diseases 040.021).
3. Prior to the sign off of the building plans the above detail designs are required on the plans and a scheduled compliance inspection with the Vector-Borne Diseases Program is required for the above condition(s).

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please call Jim English at 328-2610 or Jim Shaffer at 785-4599 regarding engineering or vector comments, respectively.

Sincerely,

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