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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – 8:30 am

PLACE: Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, 128 Market Street, Stateline, NV 89449

MEMBERS PRESENT: – Marsha Berkbigler – Chair; Shelly Aldean; Mark Bruce; Timothy Cashman, Jim Lawrence, Wesley Rice, and Mark Wlaschin (Alternate).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Cegavske – Vice Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Donohue – NTRPA Executive Officer; Ellery Stahler – State Lands, Scott Carey – State Lands, and Steve Teshara – Tahoe Chamber.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Berkbigler called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.
 - a. Roll Call – Scott Carey took roll and a quorum was established with all members present.
 - b. Approval of Agenda – Member Bruce moved to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Lawrence. The motion was passed unanimously. ***ACTION**
 - c. Approval of Minutes of the December 18, 2018 Meeting – Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Wlaschin. The motion was passed. Member Rice abstained from the vote as he was not present at the December 18, 2018 meeting. ***ACTION**
 - d. Approval of Revised Minutes of the November 14, 2018 Meeting – Scott Carey provided the Board with an overview the changes to the previously approved meeting minutes. Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes with some minor changes. Member Aldean proposed that in item 5 of the revised minutes that the phrase “term” be replaced with the phrase “position” when describing the Chair and Vice Chair. Member Wlaschin proposed another addition to the minutes to reflect that he was present at this meeting. The motion including the changes proposed by Member Aldean and Member Wlaschin was seconded by Member Cashman. The motion was passed. Member Rice abstained from the vote as he was not present at the November 14, 2018 meeting. ***ACTION**

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2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Chair Berkbigler called for public comment. There was no public comment.
 3. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY: JANUARY 2019 – NOVEMBER 2019** – Executive Officer Donohue provided the Governing Board with an update on the activities of the agency. Mr. Donohue stated that the agency has not received any requests for base data from any gaming properties over the past year. He further stated that the agency has not heard any redevelopment requests from any of the existing gaming properties.

Mr. Donohue provided an update on the Cal-Neva project and stated that a new investment partner has joined the project. He stated that the new investment partner is now engaged with the design of the interior for the project and that this will delay the start of the project. He stated that the timeline for the start of the project is unknown at this time. He further stated that the agency is hopeful that there will be activity with the Cal-Neva project over the next year. Chair Berkbigler stated that the new investment partner will be a good partner for the project and that she read in the newspaper recently that the owners are working on an amended interior plan.

Member Lawrence asked for an update on the Tahoe Biltmore. Mr. Donohue stated that owners have recently constructed townhomes and the units are currently for sale. He further stated the agency has not heard anything regarding the relocation of the gaming space that was previously approved by the Governing Board. Chair Berkbigler stated Washoe County changed roadways earlier this year to help facilitate the project and that the owner is still working on the townhome aspect of the project.

Member Lawrence asked for an update on the Highway 50 Main Street project. Member Bruce stated that the Main Street Management Plan Stakeholder Working Group may be involved in the future as existing gaming structures look to change their frontages as the project's design moves forward. Mr. Donohue stated that the agency would like to meet with the gaming properties in the corridor and discuss with them any future redevelopment plans as part of the Main Street project. He stated that the agency would have to approve any changes to the gaming floor area as a part of the project. Member Aldean asked if the last gaming property to be reviewed by NTRPA in Stateline was Bill's Lake Tahoe. Mr. Donohue stated that was correct and that the change approved for Bill's Lake Tahoe in the past was associated with work at the north tower of Harrah's Lake Tahoe.

Member Cashman stated that he wished there was a way to encourage the Tahoe Biltmore project to continue to move forward. Member Aldean stated that it might be useful for the agency to reach out to the owners to get a status update and ask if there was any way it can assist with the project. Mr. Donohue stated that agency staff will reach out to the General Manager of the Tahoe Biltmore.

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4. **SELECTION OF THE NEVADA MEMBER-AT-LARGE** – Member Aldean moved to nominate Mr. Cashman for the one-year term as Nevada Member-at-Large for 2020. The motion was seconded by Member Lawrence. The motion was passed unanimously. Member Cashman expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to continue to serve Lake Tahoe and the State of Nevada. ***ACTION**

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** – Member Rice stated that there are two members of the Douglas County Commission who are trying to remove the county from Lake Tahoe meetings. Member Rice stated that these commissioners would like to see the county pull out of Redevelopment Area 2 and the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority.

Chair Berkbigler stated that Washoe County has lost its latest appeal of the Incline Village property tax case. Chair Berkbigler further stated that it's unlikely that the county will continue its fight and appeal the latest decision for the case to the Nevada Supreme Court.

Member Lawrence stated that the next Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System is scheduled for January 21, 2021. Member Lawrence stated that Senator Julia Ratti is the chair of the committee this interim and that focus of the next meeting will be on transportation issues. Member Cashman asked if that meeting will be available online either through the TRPA or Nevada Legislature website. Mr. Donohue stated that he will follow up with the committee's staff and let Member Cashman know if the meeting will be available online.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Steve Teshara with the Tahoe Chamber stated that in 1997 there was a proposal to create a new Lake County in the Nevada Legislature. Steve stated that one of the results of the 1997 Lake County proposal was that AB 616 was adopted by the Legislature which created the Tahoe Visitors Authority. Steve further stated that the Tahoe Chamber legislation was changed earlier this year to allow for the construction and financing of a new entertainment venue in Stateline.
7. **ADJOURN** – Chair Berkbigler entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Aldean made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Lawrence. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM. ***ACTION**