

**DEMOGRAPHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
*February 15, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.*  
*Community Planning Association*

**\*\*MINUTES\*\***



**ATTENDEES:** Mary Berent, City of Middleton, *Vice-Chair*  
Matt Ellsworth, City of Meridian  
Leonard Herr, Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality (*for Jorge Garcia*)  
Norm Holm, City of Nampa  
Susan Mason, Boise State University  
Tim Richard, Association of Canyon County Highway Districts  
Diana Sanders, City of Kuna  
Rick Sweaney, Chamber of Commerce-Canyon County  
Jennifer Tomlinson, City of Boise  
Mindy Wallace, Ada County Highway District  
Mike Wardle, SunCor Development

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brian Billingsley, City of Caldwell  
Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit  
Paul Hiller, Chamber of Commerce-Ada County  
Bonnie Ford-LeCompte, Canyon County Development Services  
Nathan Mitchell, City of Star  
Larry Rincover, Public Participation Committee  
Barr Smith, Idaho Power Company  
Nichoel Baird Spencer, City of Eagle, *Chair*  
Jenah Thornborrow, City of Garden City  
Leslie Toombs, Ada County

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kathy Knapp, Association of Canyon County Highway Districts  
Carl Miller, COMPASS  
Charles Trainor, COMPASS  
Debbie Winchar, COMPASS

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chair Berent called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Introductions were made of all attendees.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES**

Vice Chair Berent asked for additions or changes to the agenda. None were requested.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### A. *Approved October 26, 2006 Meeting Minutes*

*Susan Mason moved and Mindy Wallace seconded to approve the October 26, 2006 minutes as written. There being no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.*

### B. *Elect DAC Officers for CY 2007*

*Matt Ellsworth nominated Mary Berent to serve as DAC's Chair. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. By unanimous consent, Mary Berent was elected as DAC's Chair for CY 2007.*

*Norm Holm nominated Mike Wardle to serve as DAC's Vice Chair. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed. By unanimous consent, Mike Wardle was elected as DAC's Vice Chair for CY 2007.*

## INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. *Single Family Home Buyers Study*

Carl Miller presented an update on the Single Family Home Buyers Study and Home Buyer Survey. Clearwater Research, Inc. will perform the survey and related tasks. It is anticipated that findings from the survey will be presented at the DAC's next scheduled meeting.

### B. *Population Forecasting*

Carl Miller reviewed the techniques of population projection and several approaches that may be included in the next round of developing regional growth control totals.

#### Discussion:

- A combination of the first three projections: economic growth models, trend based on period of growth, and migration and natural increase may work best. Comparison/ratio to other areas requires some knowledge that we are directly comparable and it also ignores the uniqueness of our area. Community plans may not work as a projection because plans may be revised to rezone for higher density.
- The first three projections have more statistical numbers behind them.
- Each community will forecast differently and it may be difficult. It is not a uniformed process.

Charles Trainor stated that at some point a compilation of each community's projections will come back to the DAC. The Committee will be asked to review and provide guidance on upcoming projections.

### C. *Uses and Issues of Growth Options*

Charles Trainor presented the reasons for using different growth scenarios as well as issues arising when using multiple forecasts. Staff will review different approaches and issues to developing regional growth forecasts at the COMPASS Board meeting on March 19, 2007. DAC members are asked to consider the issues and opportunities and, may want to contact their Board representatives to address these issues.

#### *D. DAC Role*

Charles Trainor stated the role of the DAC is to make sure staff is doing a credible job in developing and portraying growth information. Improving growth forecasts and allocations will require better quality information. How can COMPASS and local governments create and share data? DAC members are asked to provide direction on its desired role.

Vice Chair Berent commented that developers are getting more sophisticated on how to obtain demographic forecasts and what to do with this information.

Charles Trainor stated this item will come back to this Committee. Members are requested to talk to their respective elected officials, councils, commissioners, and boards and bring back their thoughts and needs.

#### *OTHER*

*Next meeting:* Thursday, May 17, 2007, 8:30 a.m., COMPASS.

#### *ADJOURNMENT*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.