



North Ada County Foothills Association

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NACFA Update—Meeting Reminders, Additional Info. On Prop 2— Candidates positions+

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Update on Meetings:

- **Prior schedule note--Connolly Bragail:** There will **not** be a County P&Z hearing on Bragail on October 12. Mr. Connolly has again had the Bragail proposal deferred (for another 3 months) while the comprehensive planning process moves along.
- **Eagle Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing**—M3 Eagle, second hearing: 6:30 PM, Monday, 10/16 at City Hall... **UPDATE: It is definite that M3 will also be on P&Z Commission agenda on 10/30; Jason Pierce, Chairman of the Commission has, however, indicated that NACFA will be given the chance to testify on 10/16.** (So, we are still a GO and this remains **THE ONE EVERYBODY & THEIR DOG SHOULD ATTEND.** Stay tuned for a copy of our comment letter. We will regroup on the subject of attendance at the 30th hearing...
- **Eagle City Council--Pre-Council workshop on foothills planning:** Just so we don't run out of meetings to attend (and thus end up with free time to get into various kinds of trouble), the City Council will continue on **Tuesday, 10/17 at 5:00 PM** with its workshops on overall planning for the foothills. This workshop will feature presentations of perspectives, ideas, and proposals by NACFA and the major landowners. I will be presenting on behalf of NACFA This one should also feature M3 trying to convince the Council that their project is darn near perfect, and that all our concerns and ideas are ridiculous, infeasible, short-sighted, anti-free-market, or just outright stupid...should be fun!!!
- **Eagle Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing**-Suncor, first hearing: **6:30 PM, Monday, 10/23 at City Hall.** Suncor has now also submitted a comprehensive plan amendment request to Eagle, encompassing their entire Spring Valley Ranch property in Ada, Gem, and Boise Counties, and including 6,000 to 8,000 dwelling units. Suncor's planning process and proposal do stand in stark contrast to M3 (i.e. attempting to fit on the land well, leaving very large areas in open space, and furthering the ideas embodied in the NACFA "frog". **The major thrust of our testimony will be that this, along with M3 should be deferred until a full comprehensive plan study is done by Eagle for all of the foothills area...I mean, this is getting beyond ridiculous.** We formed 4

years ago, and have worked ever since, to get a comprehensive plan done for this whole area, before individual projects were considered/approved in piecemeal fashion. Now we find the two largest landowners pursuing courses with Eagle that would subvert that goal...not pretty...

Note: I hope many of you have the stamina to stick with this...if you can't attend the M3 or Suncor meetings, please find the time to email or mail the City Council and P&Z Commission demanding that any action on M3 and Suncor be deferred until the City gets a full comprehensive plan done for the foothills. If the City does not want to go with what the County is producing, it needs to prepare an alternative...a COMPLETE alternative plan.

Additional Prop 2 Information, including candidates positions (per CJ):

The positions of the candidates for the Ada County Commissioner seats on Prop 2, as stated at the Eagle Chamber of Commerce candidates forum (10/10/06), are as follows:

District 1: Paul Woods-opposes; Sharon Ullman-opposes; Steve Kimball-supports
District 3: Al Ames-opposes; Fred Tillman-opposes.

Bob Niccolls, chair of the Chamber governmental relations committee, also announced the Chamber Board has recently voted to oppose Prop 2 as well, joining a growing list of organizations including the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Building Contractors of Southwest Idaho, the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry and the Idaho Association of Realtors.

As Popkey put it in last Sunday's Statesman: "**...Opponents of Prop 2 are mainstream: small and big business, conservationists, cities and counties, and leading officials including Gov. Jim Risch, former Gov. Phil Batt, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb and Senate GOP Caucus Chairman Brad Little...**"

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Additional coverage by Rocky Barker in last Sunday's Statesman is at <http://www.idahostatesman.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061008/NEWS0110/610080340>

In the governor's race, Jerry Brady has been on record as opposing Prop 2 for some time. Although as recently as Monday, Butch Otter had not taken a position, today's Statesman carries word that Otter has now too decided to oppose Prop 2. (See <http://www.idahostatesman.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061011/NEWS01/610110347>.)

As word of Prop 2 spreads, the opposition grows. There are still plenty of voters out there yet, however, who may not have gotten the word. And, given the way the initiative is being

marketed, the danger remains that voters may not understand its real intent. Prop 2 is, as Jerry Brady calls it, "...a wolf in sheep's clothing..."

Please continue to urge family, friends and neighbors to

VOTE NO ON PROP 2 ON November 7th.

Best regards,

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