

# Tahoe Donner General Plan Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: March 15, 2021

Time and Location: 3:00 PM by ZOOM

**1. Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

**2. Roll Call:**

GPC Committee:			Liaisons:	Tahoe Donner Association
Jim Beckmeyer	John McGregor	Laura	Steve Mahoney	Jon Mitchell
John Maciejewski	George Rohrback	Lindgren	Courtney Murrell	David Mickaelian
Rob McCray	Jeff Shellito	Rob Kautz	Denise Gauny	Annie Rosenfeld
				Miguel Sloane
				Robin Bennett

**Identified guests:**

Benjamin Levine, James Colbert, John Dundas

**3. Finance Committee**

FC chair John Dundas and liaison Denise Gauny provided a brief update on Finance Committee activities, specifically the process underway to modify the committee charter. Some potential changes include recognition of the code of conduct for committee members previously established by the board of directors, change to the number terms of members and the frequency of meetings.

**4. GPC Committee Charter Amendments**

The committee devoted most of the meeting to a discussion of management’s suggested charter revisions. All members and several visitors contributed to the discussion. The session was organized as an interactive listening session rather than an attempt to wordsmith the entire document.

David and Jon shared their overview thoughts about the general purpose and intent of the changes. A key purpose of the changes is to move the committee to focus more on long term planning for the Association and on the big picture for the Tahoe Donner community and less on project-specific matters. The committee would remain advisory to the board and to serve as an advisor to and collaborative with the management team.

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Each of the committee members and several visitors offered comments. The full dialogue can be heard on the recorded video. Summarized and without individual attribution, comments included:

1. There were differences of opinion about Committee leadership including one suggestion that the chair should be a member of management, an endorsement of the proposed co-chair model, support for retaining the volunteer chair leadership and commentary that the same model (status quo or changed) for GPC and Finance Committee.
2. There was unanimous support of the intent to have the committee focus on the long-term big planning needs of Tahoe Donner rather than the specific development process for capital projects which are seen as staff responsibilities. Sensitivity to membership needs and priorities was mentioned by some contributors.
3. There was general support for GPC to be active in project prioritization and capital planning, including coordination with FC.
4. Committee size was discussed without strong opinions as to any size in the range of 6-9. For ease of administration, it was suggested that the seats be classified (as with the board of directors) into three categories with a preestablished number of positions (including mid-term appointments) terminating each year. Three-year terms were not opposed by anyone.
5. There was general agreement that the listing of preferred candidate background expertise should be modified to reflect the committee's revised focus on long term planning and prioritization rather than project management.
6. A range of suggestions as to the name of the committee were made. Including *general plan, general planning, capital planning and capital projects*.
7. There was general recognition that the committee should be a source of input for management and in specific situations a source of expertise relevant to Association initiative.
8. One question that was raised and left unresolved is the status and use of GPC sub-committees.

### 5. Trails Subcommittee

Benjamin Levine briefly updated the committee on the ongoing process for consideration of changes to the e-bike rule. He noted that availability of relevant staff presentations and discussion at the most recent board of directors meeting and extended an invitation to future Trails Subcommittee meetings where this topic will be fervently discussed.

### 6. Capital Projects

Jon Mitchell provided an update on several projects:

1. Consulting firm PROS is developing a base line proforma financial model for the 4-season operation of a new ski lodge. PROs continues to develop the pro forma's for on an off season use. The Task Force will be reviewing the drafts this next week. BSA is progressing on its work towards conceptual design scheme's. A short review was completed by John Ashworth at the last task force meeting. No drawings shared yet. More to come in the next couple of weeks.

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2. Snowmaking at snowplay is judged to be a success and will be moved forward for permanent development.
3. Snowmaking at the cross-country center development continues in the permitting stage.
4. The 30% rough budget for the Coyote Crossing/Euer Valley remediation project is under development.
5. Also under development is the S. Euer Valley road improvement project.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

**Next Meeting:**

To be scheduled.