



WESTSIDE CITIES

- BEVERLY HILLS
- CULVER CITY
- LOS ANGELES
- SANTA MONICA
- WEST HOLLYWOOD
- COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Thursday, March 18, 2010

10:30 AM Strategy Meeting
11:45 AM Lunch
12:15 PM Business Meeting

Hosted By: City of Culver City
Location: Culver City Senior Center
4095 Overland Ave.
Culver City, CA 90232
(Corner of Culver Blvd.)

MEETING NOTES

IN ATTENDANCE (for the Strategy Session and/or COG Board Meeting,

- Beverly Hills:** Council Member William Brien. Staff: Jeff Kolin, Cheryl Friedling, Scott Miller, Aaron Kuntz.
- Culver City:** Council Member Scott Malsin. Staff: Shelly Wolfberg, Diana Chang, Marna Johnson.
- Santa Monica:** Council Member Richard Bloom. Staff: Kate Vernez.
- West Hollywood:** Council Member Abbe Land. Staff: Joan English, Lisa Marie Belsanti. Council Member Lindsey Horvath via conference line for agenda item 11A1.
- City of LA:** Council Member Bill Rosendahl. Staff: Norman Kulla (CD11), Jay Greenstein (CD5).
- County of LA:** Staff: Flora Gil Krisiloff (Supervisor Yaroslavsky)
- WSCCOG** Laurie Newman (Executive Director)
Mike Jenkins (Counsel)
Scott Miller (Treasurer)

ON CONFERENCE LINE:

- Beverly Hills Santa Monica Lobbyists:**
Charmayne Macon, Andrew Antich, Gus Khoury, Josh Shaw, Tressa Wallace
- Culver City Lobbyists:**
Jason and Paul Gonzales, John Young
- West Hollywood Lobbyists:**
Helyne Meshar, Jennifer McGee
- Metro:**
Rafi Hamparian

Other Attendees: Mike Bohlke, Deputy to Pam O'Connor, Metro Board Member Jody Litvak, Metro

Teresa Acosta, League of California Cities
Juan Camacho, Senator Barbara Boxer
Stan Myles, AQMD
Ken Ruben, So Cal Transit Advocates

10:30 AM STRATEGY MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME

Chair Malsin called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS, STAFF AND MEMBER JURISDICTION LOBBYISTS PRESENT AND ON LINE

Chair Malsin began introductions of those on the conference call and those present in the room.

3. OPEN DISCUSSION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO SECURE FUNDING OF WSCCOG PRIORITY TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Transportation

The COG will continue to lobby for funding for the Subway to the Sea. Federal priorities in the LRTP are the same and remain on track. The subway and the regional connector are the local priorities for New Starts funding. The FTA will be issuing a notice for comments on new criteria for New Starts. Emphasis will be placed on economic development, environmental issues and less emphasis on cost benefit. Funding for the subway—\$77 million—has been requested for PE purposes for FY 2011—request made to Boxer, Feinstein, Loybal-Allard, Waxman, Watson and Schiff.

The COG's effort to initiate the I-10/Robertson/National area circulation improvement study, to reconfigure the interchange, has helped secure \$2 million of federal funds as well as \$.25 million each from the Cities of Culver City and Los Angeles.

Housing

1. More federal and state funding for creating permanent supportive housing with wrap-around services

There is a 50 million dollar set aside for housing homeless veterans. There is \$17 million for rehabbing building 209 at the VA. We must get that money, staff to work on getting a meeting with the VA. Kate Vernez to take the lead and share information with other staff.

There is a proposal from HHS to get homeless people on Section 8, as long as they are enrolled in Medicaid as part of the President's budget. Charmayne Macon will send more details to Kate Vernez.

2. More housing assistance including Section 8, Shelter Plus Care and HUD-VASH Vouchers

The President's budget has an increase in funds for vouchers. The COG will set-up meetings with Congress members and HUD. The fair market rent federal legislation to alter the formula (Waters) will be followed up by John Young.

3. Cold Weather Shelter funding

The cold weather regional shelter is located in the armory in Culver City, owned by the City of Culver City, leased to the National Guard for one dollar/year. The National Guard charges LA County (LAHSA) \$40,000 per year. LAHSA has said that it will be Difficult for the County to continue providing funds for the shelter. The COG will meet with Chris Westlake of HUD—Jason Gonzalez will reach out to Chris Westlake and the COG will put together a delegation for the meeting. Shelly Wolfberg will send Flora Krisiloff's contact information to Jason to coordinate with Flora.

It was suggested that perhaps affordable housing funds could be used.

Sustainability

1. AB 811 funding, for program and also for outreach

Mayor Land asked that the COG a letter to the Energy Commission about the lack of funds allocated to Southern California. Josh Shaw will reach out to Senator Pavley's office on this (after Laurie Newman finds out the appropriate staff person to talk to).

City of Palm Desert has the program up and running successfully. Loans are at 7%.

2. Storm water TMDL compliance costs

Money is needed for implementation; this is a long-standing problem. The EPA is seeking public input on run-off and stormwater pollution. COG might want to offer comments about the lack of funding for implementation. There is current state legislation authored by Senator Ducheny bill that reduces the Water Board fines for non-compliance.

4. RECESS TO LUNCH

12:15 PM BUSINESS MEETING

5. RECONVENE

6. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Malsin welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the Culver City Senior Center

7. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The COG voting members present at the meeting:

Beverly Hills: Councilmember William Brien
Culver City: Councilmember Scott Malsin
Santa Monica: Councilmember Richard Bloom
West Hollywood: Mayor Abbe Land
Los Angeles: Councilmember Bill Rosendahl

A motion was made by Mayor Land and seconded by Councilmember Brien to recess to closed session. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CLOSED SESSION

(A) Public Employee Appointment

Title: Executive Director

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

9. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Land and seconded by Councilmember Brien to accept, with regret, the resignation of Laurie Newman and move forward with a contract with Maria Rychlicki as interim executive director beginning April 1, 2009 under the same terms as the current Executive Director.

A roll call voted was taken as follows:

Yes—City of Santa Monica
Yes—City of Beverly Hills
Yes—City of West Hollywood
Yes—City of Los Angeles
Yes—City of Culver City

9. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009 MEETING NOTES

A motion to approve the minutes as drafted was made by Mayor Land and seconded by Councilmember Brien. The motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Executive Director's Report

- 1) Status of COG's Opposition to SCE's proposal to restrict undergrounding of equipment

A motion was made by Mayor Land and seconded by Councilmember Rosendahl to remove the item from consent. The motion passed unanimously.

After a report from Councilmember Horvath and Chair Malsin, and a discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Land and seconded by

Councilmember Brien to support SCE's proposal to restrict undergrounding providing the language is changed to include an exemption for public agencies.

2) **Annual FPPC Disclosure Statements (Form 700)**

Laurie Newman explained the instructions and deadlines for the annual filing of the FPPC's annual disclosure form 700.

B. Treasurer's Financial Reports

- 1) Basic Financial Statements for Year Ended June 30, 2009 along with Independent Auditors' Report

Scott Miller reported that there were no findings reported by the auditors and that the COG is free and clear.

- 2) November 2009
- 3) December 2009
- 4) January 2010
- 5) February 2010
- 6) Proposed Budget 2010-11 for introduction. The budget will be adopted at the next meeting of the COG.

A motion was made by Mayor Land and seconded by Councilmember Brien to adopt the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

12. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Homeless Issues Committee

February Meeting Notes, Report and Recommendations

The idea of expansion of the homeless committee oversight was brought to the Cog's attention; staff will bring a proposal back to the homeless committee and then it will come before the governing board for approval.

The renovation of the 3 buildings in LA is not moving along with building 209 ready to go.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rosendahl and seconded by Mayor Land to send a letter to the secretary of veterans' affairs about the \$50 million that is in the VA budget (but not allocated) for renovating the building.

Councilmember Rosendahl talked about his pilot project in Venice where homeless people in cars or campers will be able to stay in a designated parking lot. The homeless committee will take this concept make for further discussion.

B. Sustainability Committee

February Meeting Notes, Report and Recommendations

A motion was made by Mayor Land and seconded by Councilmember Brien to send a letter to the Energy Commission about our concern that 90% of the funds to implement AB 811 went to Northern California.

All sustainability logos will be sent to staff from each jurisdiction to use on all material relating to sustainability.

C. Transportation Committee

December and February Meeting Notes, Report and Recommendations from the COG Transportation Committee and Related Items

1) La Cienega Blvd. Corridor Enhancement Study

This item will be referred back to the Transportation Committee.

2) Letters to Federal Representatives in Support of 30/10 Initiative

The prepared letters will not be sent yet, and this item will be referred back to the Transportation Committee. Although the request from Move LA, through Linda Briskman, was to send support letters as soon as possible, Michael Bohlke thought it was fine to hold off for now. The Mayor is only pushing for transit projects, ignoring highway projects.

There was further discussion on the subway alternatives. Mayor Land wants to make sure that both the Wilshire and the West Hollywood alternatives are carried forward in the EIR. There was concern expressed by Metro that, if the Westside cities are not unified in their federal request, Los Angeles could lose out on funding for the subway. This item was referred back to the Transportation Committee

D. MTA Southwest Cities Corridor and Westside Central Service Sector Report

Mike Bohlke gave a presentation on the LRTP. \$20 billion worth of projects have been programmed for the first ten years. There are a number of issues but the Westside priority projects are in good positions and protected.

E. League of California Cities Update

Teresa Acosta distributed info on the League's ballot initiative and reported on efforts to collect sufficient signatures.

13. RECEIVE/ FILE AND PROVIDE DIRECTION RE: CORRESPONDENCE

- A. February 12, 2010 Letters (4) from the WSCCOG Executive Director to Senators Feinstein and Boxer and Representatives Waxman and Watson in support of the Fiscal Year 2011 Federal Appropriations Requests from LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- B. February 8, 2010 Letter from WSCCOG Executive Director to Mark Maloney, General Manager, Westside/Central Service Sector, Metro to re-nominate Art Ida, Terri Slimmer and Joe Stitcher.
- C. March 6, 2010 Resignation Letter from WSCCOG Executive Director to Scott Malsin, WSCCOG Chair.

A motion was made by Mayor Land and seconded by Councilmember Brien to receive and file the above correspondence. The motion passed unanimously.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

15. FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

A. 2010 MEETINGS AND HOST CITY

- 1) January 21 – City of West Hollywood (cancelled)
- 2) March 18 – City of Culver City
- 3) May 20 (Annual Meeting) – City of Santa Monica
- 4) July 15 – County of Los Angeles
- 5) September 16 – City of Los Angeles
(Note, League of Cities Annual Conference 2010 is September 15 – 18, San Diego. The Thursday before is September 9, California Admission's Day and the Thursday following is September 23)
- 6) November 18 – City of Beverly Hills

B. Tentatively Scheduled Agenda Items:

1) May 20, 2010 (Annual Meeting)

- a. Election of new COG Governing Board Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary
- b. Appointment of committee members
- c. Appointment of new Treasurer
- d. Adoption of 2010-11 Budget

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stan Myles from the AQMD announced the following programs: a new program for Small Businesses; Clean Air Awards in November (nominations welcome); and lawn mower program where you can turn in a gas mower and get a new electric lawn mover. AQMD has an iphone application where you can view real time air quality.

Ken Ruben of the Southern California Transit Advocates spoke in support of transit funding.

17. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned to May 20, 2010 to be hosted by the City of Santa Monica at the Annenberg Beach House.

Written materials distributed to the Committee within 72 hours of the Committee meeting are available for public inspection immediately upon distribution in the City Clerk's office at West Hollywood City Hall located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069, during normal business hours. Such documents will also be posted on the WSCCOG website at www.westsidecities.org and will be available at the meeting.
