

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee October 12, 2020 Minutes

Attendees: Oivia Valentine (Chair, Hawthorne), Drew Boyles (1st Vice Chair, El Segundo), John Cruikshank (Rancho Palos Verdes), Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates), Rodney Tanaka (Gardena), Kenny Kao (Palos Verdes Estates), Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach), Chris Pimentel (El Segundo), Ralph Franklin & Jim Butts (Inglewood), Hildy Stern (Manhattan Beach, Stacey Armato (Hermosa Beach), Pat Furey (Torrance), Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, David Leger, Wally Siembab, Steve Lantz, Natalie Champion, Grace Farwell (SBCCOG), Laura Guglielmo (Palos Verdes Estates)

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA

- **ACTION:** Received and filed

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - @ END OF AGENDA – TORRANCE REQUEST TO CONSIDER SOUTH BAY HEALTH DEPARTMENT & Update on lawsuit

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file - 12:05 pm HORVATH/BOYLES

A. Steering Committee – September 14, 2020 meeting minutes attached

- **ACTION:** Approved

B. Police Practices

- Questions to ask Police Departments sent to SBCCOG Board members & City Managers
- Subcommittee will meet after October 26 when answers are due for those that want to share with the SBCCOG
- **VALENTINE – HOPES THEY ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT TO KNOW POLICE PRACTICES BETTER. WOULD LIKE SHARING WITH THE SBCCOG.**

C. Dues Outstanding

- LA County – **PAID. ALL DUES PAID.**

D. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings

- Matrix attached

E. South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Appointment to SCAG Energy and Environment Committee – **12:05 pm**

- Applications received from Chris Pimentel and Christian Horvath. Deadline Sept. 30 – Huff application received Oct. 2. Bio from Huff attached. All 3 will be at the meeting
- **AGREED TO RECEIVE HUFF'S APPLICATION**
- **STATEMENTS FROM PIMENTEL, HORVATH AND HUFF**
- **ACTION: VOTE TAKEN - HUFF RECOMMENDED TO BOARD**

B. Legislative Issues – **12:20 pm**

- Legislative Briefing – Friday, October 16, 9 am – 10:30 am – CHANGED DATE
- Senators Allen and Bradford, Assemblymember Burke in attendance
- Legislative Matrix – attached
- The HOPE Act – tabled from last Steering Committee meeting - memo attached

We consulted staffer on the Financial Services Committee who stated that the administration is more supportive of this being part of the PPP loans. Hasn't left the House – almost no chance of moving.

- **ACTION: Recommended** no position on the HOPE Act
- SBACC Vote from a Chamber – suggestions?? – **PV CHAMBER LET BRITT VOTE, TORRANCE TOO.**
- Sacramento virtual visit messages
Working with 4 lobbyists (Inglewood, Carson, Redondo Beach, Torrance). Phone call on October 7 to discuss further details

Summary of lobbyists discussion:

- **Phase 1 - Local support from our legislators is most important re: housing legislation – Set up roundtable/workshop with all of our elected legislators together to discuss SBCCOG positions. December 1, 2, 3**
 - 2 hour meeting maximum
- **Phase 2 would be state agencies – January – committee staff, committee chairs. Mark Tolson in the Governor's office for transportation. Will be shake up in the Governor's office so post January we will know who is there. CARB, HCD, Strategic Growth Council, Caltrans.**
 - They can come up with list of folks and who we should meet with and we can review it.
- **Michael Arnold – include item on financial problems that cities are having re: COVID – sales tax, TOT, etc. Don't make it more difficult for cities. Look for statistics re: revenue loss – hard numbers. (SBWIB and individual cities) Ask HDL to run a report re: sales tax receipts and other revenues.**
- **HUFF AND VALENTINE LIKE THE IDEA.**
- **HORVATH, BOYLES, CRUIKSHANK – IDEA NOT EFFECTIVE. LOCAL CONTROL IS THE ISSUE. MUST BE FOCUSED. KNOW THE MESSAGE. SUBCOMMITTEE TO FIGURE OUT THE MESSAGE. WHAT DOES LOCAL CONTROL REALLY MEAN? DIFFERENT FOR EACH CITY. HAVE THAT DISCUSSION WITH OUR LEGISLATORS. STRATEGIZE WITH THEM TO MEET WITH OTHER LEGISLATORS. ERIC ALEGRIA FRIENDS WITH ANTHONY RENDON.**
- **ARMATO – CHAIR OF LEG COMM WITH CCCA. WORKING ON HOUSING PROPSAL WITH ALLEN'S OFFICE. DEADLINE IS THANKSGIVING. WILL GIVE IT TO THE SBCCOG WHEN COMPLETED.**
- **BUTTS – TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE TO MEET WITH MORE THAN ONE LEGISLATOR AT ONCE. NEED COORDINATED STRATEGY IN A ZOOM MEETING BEFORE WE GO IN. DEFINITION OF LOCAL CONTROL. TAILOR THE DELEGATION TO REPRESENT ALL OF THE SBCCOG. PREDETERMINED STRATEGIES AND TALKING POINTS.**
- **FUREY - LOCAL CONTROL WILL NEVER BE CEDED BY LEGISLATORS.**
- **HORVATH – NEED TO BE SURGICAL. BILLS COMING BACK. NEED FLEXIBIITY INTO THOSE BILLS. NEED SPECIFIC TALKING POINTS TO REVISE LEGISLATION. CAN'T STOP THE BILLS – NEED TO FIX THEM.**
- **VALENTINE – DEVELOP STRATEGY AND TALKING POINTS. CONSIDER PROPOSITION**
- **BUTTS – INTRODUCE IDEA OF RAISING MONEY FOR PROPOSITION. – GRIFFITHS' GROUP?**
- **VALENTINE – LEFT THE MEETING**
- **KAO – SACRAMENTO CREATING POWERS THAT WERE NEVER THEIRS. ZONING IS LOCAL.**
- **SIEMBAB – SCAG RTP – PASSED ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY BUT PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE IT THAT MUCH. LAY OUT PRINCIPLES THAT WE TAKE TO OUR LEGISLATORS TO CRAFT LEGISLATION THAT REFLECT THESE PRINCIPLES.**
- **ARMATO – SEND CONCEPTS – IDEAS TO HER TO INTEGRATE INTO HER HOUSING PROPOSAL. MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.**
- **BOYLES – WALLY CREATE PRINCIPLES TO SEND TO STAFF TO REVIEW AND INFORM STACEY.**

- **CONSIDER SUBCOMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**
- **LESSONS LEARNED FROM COVID – EX. TELEWORK – NEED TO LEARN FROM IT.SURVEY EMPLOYEES. – NEXT MEETING**

C. Board Meeting agenda development – **12:35 pm**

- October - Dr. Eric Daar, M.D. re: Coronavirus vaccine development. He is a Division Chief at Harbor and Professor of Medicine at UCLA School of Medicine, is an Infectious Disease specialist. (draft agenda attached) – **NO CONCERN RE: LAST PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE BEING THE SAME NIGHT**
- November – Pros & Cons on Balanced Energy? – honor former chairs leaving public office (Ralph, Jim & Judy all confirmed) and volunteers
- January – LTN report & SCAG President Rex Richardson listening session (consider changing Richardson to February as AQMD election will probably be in January)
CSUDH – ECONOMIC FORECAST INFORMATION
- **ACTION:** Recommend programs of interest for Board presentations

D. Update on Homeless Program and Innovation Project Funding - **12:45 pm**

- Home Share South Bay (a new regional home sharing pilot program of the SBCCOG) – we are looking for a graduate intern to help with the implementation of this pilot project to help people find each other for home sharing to prevent someone from falling into homelessness or someone who is homeless. **HOME SHARE SOUTH BAY LANDING PAGE & PRESS RELEASES TO BE LAUNCHED OCTOBER 15. – SHOWED LANDING PAGE**
- **BUTTS – HOW CAN HOMELESS PEOPLE AFFORD THIS? GRACE – PEOPLE ON THE VERGE OF HOMELESSNESS. COULD EXCHANGE SERVICES FOR RENT. LOW RENTS. SILVERNEST ALGORITHM – SUGGESTED RENT. MAYBE SOME FUNDING TO ASSIST THIS TOO.**
- Torrance MOU for Innovation Funds (**SEND OUT ON FRIDAY**)
- **Education & Training modules for city staff**
 - **Module 101: Introduction to Homelessness (facts vs myths) - completed; SBCCOG available to assist cities in adding customized slide(s) for their respective city**
 - **Module 201: Strategies for City Staff When Engaging with People Experiencing Homelessness - anticipated completion date by end of 2020**

10/5/20 Council Member Buscaino's office provided the update.

- **Safe Parking EXPANSION** are all publicly owned sites, approximately 125 vehicles to be served
- 1. **Harbor Gateway – 19610 S. Hamilton Ave – light industrial zoning – Est capacity 25 cars only**
- 2. **San Pedro – 7th & Beacon Municipal Parking Log – commercial zoning – Est capacity 25 vehicles; per Alison, NO RVs**
- 3. **Caltrans Partnership Projects – require FTA Approval, Caltrans in process – 2 sites**
 1. **Wilmington – 1402 S. Figueroa, Est capacity 50 vehicles**
 2. **Harbor Gateway North – 600 E. 116th, Est capacity 25 vehicles**
- **Will develop a Pallet Shelter Village facility with at least 75 units of 64 sq ft shelter structures for individuals or possibly couples**
 - **Currently Bureau of Engineering is working on site plan and design**
- **Next meeting - November 2nd – PANEL OF DOCTORS DISCUSSION street medicine FOR THE HOMELESS (speakers invited)**
- **ACTION:** Recommend Board approve MOU with Torrance – **HORVATH/HUFF**

- E. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting – **12:50 pm FRANKLIN/CRUIKSHANK**
■ **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- F. South Bay Fiber Network – **12:55 pm** -

- November 17 event
- Briefings to Assemblyman Muratsuchi and CENIC (school districts' network)
- October 19 is next meeting of SBFN Working Group

- G. Local Travel Network Update – **1:10 pm**

FINAL REPORT AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. UNDERSECRETARY OF CALSTA WANTS MORE INFORMATION – POSSIBLE MODEL.

- H. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing – **1:20 pm**

- Working with Community Development Directors on projects to submit to SCAG before November 30 deadline
- **Working with UCLA Capstone student re: ADUs**
- **SBCCOG – OBSOLETE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY PROJECT**

- I. Update on Senior Services – **1:30 pm**

- Next meeting of the Senior Services Working Group is on Tuesday, December 1 from 9:30-11:30am via zoom.

HUFF – SENIORS IN THE LOOP RE: SOUTH BAY HOME SHARE

- J. Regional Coyote Management – survey – **1:35 pm**

**BUTTS – LOTS OF COYOTES WHEN THEY TOOK THE STADIUM DOWN.
FRANKLIN – LOTS OF CALLS FROM RESIDENTS – FISH & GAME IS IN CHARGE
FUREY – ONE COUNCILMEMBER AND A FEW PEOPLE UPSET. TRAPPING IS
COUNTERINTUITIVE – JUST PRODUCES MORE.**

- K. General Assembly Update – March 18, 2021 – **1:40 pm**

**RFQ TO BE SENT OUT TODAY. TO COME BACK FOR RECOMMENDATION AT
NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING. CHRISTIAN IS RE-CONFIRMING SPEAKERS
FROM LAST YEAR. WILL EXPLORE PRE-RECORDING THE SPEAKERS TO
TIGHTEN UP SCHEDULE. THEN WILL KNOW EXACT TIMES. SINCE PRE-
RECORDED, PANELISTS RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS IN REAL TIME.**

**POSSIBLE 1 MINUTE COMMERCIALS FOR SPONSORS? AND HOW TO CREATE
VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Other updates since agenda distribution – **1:50 pm**

“OFFICE WARMING” GIFT FROM OUR MEMBER AGENCIES – PICTURES FROM THEIR CITY - AGREED

1. FROM COUNCILMAN CHEN:

Torrance City Council Meeting discussed the potential benefits of standing up their own Health Department. This past May, when they looked at their COVID-19 data compared to the LA County, they felt their data were much better/safer, but still were “locked down” because the County will not re-opening based on city-unique data. Cities in the South bay have reached out to the LA County and state leadership to help us open based on our region’s data to allow certain aspects of the city to open.

Chen asking if the SBCCOG is interested to take a look at standing up a South Bay Health Department to better serve our regional communities and our needs specifically.

He is asking for an “interest or no-interest” from the SBCCOG.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

TORRANCE STAFF REPORT – PASADENA AND LONG BEACH FOLLOWED THE COUNTY’S COVID GUIDELINES. IS THAT THE ONLY PURPOSE? BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT COVERS 3 CITIES AND TORRANCE COULD LOOK AT JOINING THAT DISTRICT BUT IT IS FOCUSED ON PREVENTATIVE CARE, ON WELLNESS, NOT SICKNESS. ENCOURAGES PEPLE TO MAKE WISER HEALTHCARE DECISIONS.

FUREY – PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE. NO MONEY FROM FEDERAL OR STATE. ALL RE: COVID. THESE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS CAME ABOUT IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY. WOULDN’T GIVE US MORE POWER AND WOULD COST MORE MONEY.

BOYLES – WE PAY FOR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH.

FUREY – NO. COUNTY PAYS FOR IT. 1978 WAS BALLOT MEASURE TO CREATE A SOUTH BAY COUNTY THAT WENT DOWN IN FLAMES. THAT’S ANOTHER ISSUE THEY ARE DISCUSSING.

RECOMMENDATION: NO INTEREST - AGREED

3. UPDATE ON LAWSUIT – SBCCOG LEGAL COUNSEL IS ASKING THAT WE BE REMOVED AS NAMED PARTY

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, November 9, 2020 @ 12:00 pm via zoom