

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee Minutes August 12, 2013

Attendees: Dan Medina (Chair, Gardena), Jim Goodhart (1st Vice Chair, Palos Verdes Estates), Jim Osborne (Lawndale), Jim Knight (Rancho Palos Verdes), David Lesser (Manhattan Beach), Ralph Franklin (Inglewood), Suzy Seamans (Rolling Hills Estates), Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Catherine Showalter, Steve Lantz, Wally Siembab, and Natalie Champion (SBCCOG)

I. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA

- **ACTION:** Received and Filed

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

ADD - GA sponsorship amounts and entitlements & Measure R Committee meeting time

- Jacki reported on receipt of a letter from Southern California Edison on July 24 thanking the SBCCOG for opposing undergrounding of power lines in Chino Hills and explaining that the PUC decision was not in SCE's favor.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Steering Committee – July 8, 2013 meeting minutes attached

- **ACTION:** Approved (Goodhart/Knight)

B. Dues and Assessment Payments outstanding: Carson, Hawthorne, Lomita, Los Angeles City, and Palos Verdes Estates. All others paid in full except for Lawndale and Rolling Hills, which have not paid the assessment.

V. ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

ADMINISTRATION

C. SBCCOG Appointments

Commitment letters for those appointed to outside agencies – All letters have been received.

- **SCAG CEHD & EEC**

Stephen Sammarco, Redondo Beach, has expressed interest in the EEC. Frank Zerunyan willing to sit on the SCAG CEHD.

- **MOTION:** Select Stephen Sammarco for the SBCCOG representative on the EEC and Frank Zerunyan for the CEHD

- **ACTION:** Approved (Knight/Osborne)

D. Strategic Plan Proposal – 12:15 pm

- **COMMENTS:** The Evaluation committee will be the Strategic Plan Subcommittee that will conduct interviews on October 1. Recommended that the RFP will not include payment for travel. Additionally, familiarity with the SBCCOG is desirable and language should be in the RFP. Also, encourage the City Managers to participate in the evaluation committee.

- **MOTION:** Recommend to the Board the scope, process, budget, and schedule and release the RFP and take action to extend the date of Jacki Bacharach & Associates contract to at least February 2014.

- **ACTION:** Approved (Goodhart/Lesser)

E. General Assembly

- Kim presented the Sponsorship levels
- Recommendation: Get approval of the Sponsorship levels and guidance for a non profits special fee
- **COMMENTS:** There should be a minimum of \$1,000 fee for non-profits for exhibit space. Add Tesoro to the sponsorship and provide a Save the Date flyer available at the Aug., 22, 2013 Board meeting.
- **ACTION:** Approved

WORK PROGRAM

F. Sustainable South Bay Strategy Updates

- Report on July 29 LUV Final Report event
 - Wally presented the purpose of the LUV presentation and disseminating research findings to policy organizations
 - **RECOMMENDATION:** Present the LUV Presentation findings at COG member City Council meetings to disseminate the information to the public, Council, and staff. Share the progress made as an accomplishment, especially with cities and their respective City Managers. Attend the City Managers' Meeting and share work conducted on behalf of the COG. Respond to the Daily Breeze articles on electric vehicles as a way to encouraging the goals of the SBCCOG, specifically as it relates to EV/LUV. Consider the Lawndale Cable, "The Watch," as a venue to show a PSA regarding the LUV program, which can be in continual rotation. Encourage legislation to honor what the SBCCOG is trying to accomplish and use the SBCCOG member cities' websites and the SBCCOG website to share findings of the LUV program and EV. Advertise the Awards from the American Planning Association and the AQMD on the COG website.

J. Transportation Issues

- Monthly transportation update from Steve Lantz - handout
- Steve discussed the Highway Trust Funds and transit agencies having \$2 billion in frozen funds for Metro and other agencies. Road usage tax tied to car mileage was discussed, as well as meter ticketing provisions, gas taxes, Mayor Garcetti appointments to Metro, and the Express lanes. Regarding Express lanes, Metro feels that they are successful.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Have Stephanie from Metro come to talk about revenue, maintenance fee, and determinants of success for the Express lanes. The committee should take a timely position on the Express lanes maintenance fee. Consider that infrequent users are not being measured to see how the removal of the maintenance fee has affected transponders.
- Purpose of Measure R Oversight Committee and roles and responsibilities of its members
 - Memo attached
 - Steve recapped the Measure R committee's discussion on its authority. Further discussion focused on the meeting time and there was an exchange on availability for meetings.
 - **ACTION:** Staff to come back with recommendations for a meeting time change to 10:30 am, first Wednesday starting in October 2013
- Response to Antonovich request for projects for a future sales tax – memo with draft letter distributed
 - Steve discussed the letter, specifically \$20-\$40 billion in unfunded Measure R for the expansion of projects such as the Green Line to Long Beach.
 - **ACTION:** Incorporate the changes for the Letter from the Steering Committee and the Measure R Oversight Committee into the cover letter. Additionally, revise the letter based on the comments received and bring it

back to the Board, including the issue of funding the LAX connector with the regional transit funds with the current alternatives.

K. Approval of Invoices – available at the meeting

- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment (Franklin/Goodhart)

L. South Bay Environmental Services Center

- Memo on SBESC programs attached
- The “Lunch and Learn” Training for Gardeners held on August 6, 2013 in Spanish had an attendance of 35 people. The AQMD agreed to sponsor and made a \$1000 contribution. Backpack leaf blower from AQMD approved list was used as a prize drawing.
 - **RECOMMENDATION:** Workshops should also be conducted in English, Japanese, and Spanish. Consider sharing information on safety, specifically robbery, and vandalism and bringing local police to speak on this issue.
- The Lending Library books have been marked and a letter is being sent to our partners requesting donations and a press release has been prepared.
- Updates on new contracts
 - Strategic Plan Strategies Contract with SCE -- The contract with SCE is moving forward and is almost finalized.
 - New 2013-2014 WBMWD contract to WBMWD Board on August 26, 2013
 - Water Leak Detection Program with SCE – SBCCOG proposal awarded!!
 - **ACTION:** Agreed that contract can go the Board once available
- Joline Munoz has resigned and the position is being assessed strategically in order to find assess the skills that are needed..
- HERO & Figtree presentations are being scheduled – 7-8 council presentations have been scheduled on the HERO program and SBCCOG staff has sent all the information to the cities that they need for council approval for both programs.

M. SCAG Update

- Jacki reported on the Sub regional Coordinator’s Meeting, the SCAG Regional Transportation Plan, and Wally’s efforts to get policies in the plan and highlight the SBCCOG interests on the committees. Jacki mentioned that the SBCCOG works with SCAG on behalf of member cities and reports information back to the planners of the respective cities.
- **RECOMMENDATION:** Continue to use this platform to gain the SBCCOG more recognition for our South Bay Sustainable Strategy.

N. Legislative Advocacy

- Matrix attached
- Comments on July Legislative Breakfast
 - **COMMENTS:** Possible themes for next breakfast can include, MAP 21 and realignment, PV Transit, and SB 556. Goodhart reported on the Assembly Member Muratsuchi’s Aerospace meeting and that the Assembly passed a bill on business capital expenditures recuperation. Knight stated that the City of Rancho Palos Verdes opposes SB 556. Franklin shared that Federal and State legislators were on point re: our issues of concern and the military dogs left abroad was an interesting issue. He also discussed AB 277 and signatures needed by October 1, 2013 for a referendum.
- Mayors’ meeting with new LA Mayor Eric Garcetti
 - **COMMENTS:** Goodhart stated 63 cities were represented and said that the discussion included how partnering between Los Angeles cities could attract more state and federal funds to the region. Lesser shared how the meeting provided an opportunity to talk to other cities. Goodhart stated that he will follow-up with the organizer to get the official meeting summary comments.

O. SBCCOG/SBACC meeting

- October 30 joint mixer/meeting with speaker. The mixer will be held in the Theatre and Joe Ahn has a speaker to discuss the aerospace industry in the South Bay with a preview of the economy by LA Economic Development Corporation. The format would be a mixer followed by the speakers and Q&A. Northrop Grumman is funding the meeting. The start time of the event will be 5:30 pm and a save the date will be sent out.
- Discussion focused on determining the goals of the meeting. We already partner with SBACC on advocacy items and this event is meant to strengthen the relationship. Involve the Inglewood Chamber. Include in the flyer and program that there will be an opportunity to learn about the SBCCOG and the SBACC.

AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

P. Board Meeting – August 22, 2013 – draft agenda attached

- Jacki shared information that the September meeting will present the LAWA rehabilitation and expansion.
- Future Board topics
 - Proposition 13 – The Legacy
 - Include overview of Proposition 55
 - City Dock Project, Port of Los Angeles

Other

Medina shared that James Osborne and the Lawndale Blue Boys will be playing at the Lawndale LA County Library to celebrate the City's 100th year anniversary.

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, September 9, 2013 @ 12:00 pm

ADJOURN at 2:56 pm (Lesser/Medina)