

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES May 19, 2015

Attendees: Jim Goodhart (Chair, PVE), Jim Gazeley (1st Vice Chair, Lomita), Kurt Weideman (Torrance), Jim Osborne (Lawndale), Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne), Britt Huff (RHE), Don Szerlip (Service Council), Charles Deemer (Nominee for Service Council), Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

I. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA

- **ACTION:** Received and filed

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IV. METRO SERVICE COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

- Per our procedures, *The bio/resume and Statement of Interest for all nominees will be included in the Steering Committee agenda packet which is distributed to members in advance of the meeting. At the meeting, each nominee will be given a chance to speak for 3 minutes as to why they would like the position. If they cannot attend, the Executive Director will read their statement. At the end of the statements, questions can be asked of the nominees by Steering Committee members for further clarification. When the nominees have completed their statements, the Chair will entertain a motion for a recommendation to the Board of who should receive the appointment. The Steering Committee recommendation will be ratified by the Board on their Consent Calendar at the next meeting.*
- Terms for 3 seats are expiring – memo attached
- JACKI GAVE OVERVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF THE COUNCIL AND OUR SELECTION PROCESS.
- GOODHART GAVE AN OVERVIEW: – 2 ELECTEDS – NOW 2 NORTH, 2 SOUTH. SHOULD THAT BE A CONSIDERATION? HIM PERSONALLY – PROBABLY NOT A CONSIDERATION – RIDERSHIP SHOULD BE A BIGGER CONSIDERATION. LOVE REPRESENTS RIDERS OF THE EAST. OTHER CONSIDERATION – WHERE RIDERSHIP IS LOCATED. – FRANKLIN, GABIG, DEMING, ENGLISH, JENG (MB RESIDENT) – ALL IN THE NORTH. SOUTH – REST = SOUTH. POSITIONS UP – 2 IN SOUTH; 1 IN NORTH. (MB IS NORTH). WORK IS EVALUATING THE TRANSIT LINES – CLEANLINESS, BEHAVIOR OF THE OPERATOR, STOPS CLEAN?, TRANSIT CENTERS EXPERIENCE. RESTROOMS AT HARBOR GATEWAY TRANSIT CENTER FROM THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL. RIDERSHIP VARIES EVERY MONTH A LITTLE. GOES DOWN IN WINTER. SOME FLUCTUATION WITH GAS PRICES. HOLIDAYS – DIP IN RIDERSHIP. SCHOOL IN SESSION – HIGHER RIDERSHIP. RIDERSHIP SEEMS TO BE UP BUT DEPENDS ON THE TIME OF DAY. STEADY INCREASE – YEAR TO YEAR – PARTICULARLY SILVER LINE.
- **ACTION:** VOTE TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS VOTE – WEIDEMAN/GAZELEY – ABSTAIN GOODHART & MEDINA

- Nominated - John Addleman, Charles Michel Deemer, Elaine Jeng, Dan Medina, Don Szerlip, Peter Tucker –statements and resumes attached
- NOMINATION SPEECHES:
 - Deemer – rider of the bus lines for years. Torrance Commissioner for over 10 years. Followed public transit hearings. Interested in the Torrance transit center and there is no Torrance member now. LA Metro area has highest density of all major transit areas – adjacent to South Bay. Financial background. Enhancing service to colleges and hospitals.
 - Elaine Jeng – Goodhart read her statement
 - Dan Medina – Councilman since 2008. Uses Harbor Transitway every chance he gets. Used bus as younger man. Room for improvement. Some rowdy people on the bus – drivers are very patient. He has background in media/communications on how to advertise better for the buses. No ads on the buses now.
 - Gazeley thanked Dan for his time at SCAG
 - Don Szerlip – 1995 – member of Traffic Commission in Redondo Beach. On City Council. Sole proprietor and work on committees of Chamber and Business Assn. Brings perspective of business and experience in local government. Service Council does more than just bus routes. Advocate for discretionary riders onto the rail and bus. Instrumental in creating the Silver Line. Now less than 5 minutes in peak hour.
 - John Addleman – Britt Huff came and represented him and read his statement. Chair of PV Transit Authority – member since 1997. SCAG Transportation Committee and Vice Chair of Service Council. Senior and uses transit on Peninsula. Mayor of RHE. Reliable, safe, clean transit is important.
 - Peter Tucker – Jim Goodhart read his statement as to why he wants to be on the Council that was in the agenda packet.

■ Position 1

Kurt Weideman nominated Charles Deemer for position 1. Seconded by Olivia Valentine.

Britt Huff nominated John Addleman, Jim Goodhart seconded John Addleman.

Jim Gazeley nominated Dan Medina and Jim Osborne seconded.

Vote – 5 for Deemer, 1 for Addleman

Deemer recommended for Position 1

■ Position 2

Britt Huff nominated John Addleman, Jim Goodhart seconded John Addleman.

Jim Gazeley nominated Dan Medina and Jim Osborne seconded.

Vote – 4 for Medina, 2 for Addleman

Medina recommended for Position 2

Position 3

Jim Gazeley nominated Don Szerlip and Jim Goodhart.

Vote – 7 for Szerlip

- **ACTION:** Recommend nominees to Board of Directors to send to Metro Board

Meeting adjourned

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday, June 8, 2015 @ 12:00 pm

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