

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee FOLLOW-UP AGENDA Monday, April 12, 2021

ATTENDEES: Olivia Valentine (Chair, Hawthorne), John Cruikshank (2nd Vice Chair, Rancho Palos Verdes), Jim Dear (Carson), Rodney Tanaka (Gardena), Barry Waite (Lomita), Stacey Armato (Hermosa Beach – 12:16 arrival), James Butts (Inglewood), Hildy Stern (Manhattan Beach), Dawn Murdock (Palos Verdes Estates), Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach), Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates), George Chen (Torrance), Jacki Bacharach, Kim Fuentes, Wally Siembab, Steve Lantz, David Leger, Grace Farwell, Mike Jenkins (SBCCOG Legal Counsel), Sharon Landers (Carson staff); Mark Dierking (Metro), Jim Hannon (public)

I. CONFIRMED THE QUORUME

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA

- **ACTION:** Received and filed

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- **TAPING THE MEETINGS AND BEA DIERINGER WANTS TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN**
- **ADD AB 1251 FOR SUPPORT ON ITEM K.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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

A. Steering Committee – March 8, 2021 meeting minutes attached

- **ACTION:** Approved Huff/Horvath

B. **Audit Adequacy Response from Joseph Lillio, SBCCOG Treasurer & El Segundo Finance Director**

After looking at our audit, SBCCOG staff has sent the SBCCOG adopted financial policies and procedures to Mr. Lillio to review so that he can better understand our existing controls and he will have a report back at the May meeting

C. **SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing**

- MOU still being reviewed

D. **COVID update**

- Report on Health Department SPA research – no new information

E. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings

- Matrix attached

F. **South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities Report – attached**
NEW - Monthly Media reports – pages 5 and 6

VII. ACTION ITEMS

G. **Delegation of Authority Issue – Jenkins present to answer questions - 12:10 pm**

- Status and Summary of other concerns expressed by Board member Dieringer – to be reported at the meeting **SUMMARIZED BACHARACH'S DISCUSSIONS WITH DIERINGER.**
- Memo from Mike Jenkins, SBCCOG legal counsel attached – **AT CHAIR'S REQUEST, HE WALKED THROUGH THE MEMO. SECTION 8 OF THE JPA EXPRESSLY ALLOWS THE GOVERNING BOARD TO DELEGATE THEIR**

AUTHORITY. DIERINGER'S READING WAS VERY NARROW. DELEGATION HOWEVER SHOULD BE CLEARER. RECOMMENDED BYLAWS AMENDMENT TO ENUMERATE THE DELEGATION.

- **ACTION:** Recommend that the Board initiate a Bylaws amendment to amend Section VII.B.2 to more clearly, comprehensively and transparently delineate the powers of the Steering Committee. Additionally modify the Governing Board agendas by adding the following sentence in red to the Consent Calendar description:
- **Matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. They have all been reviewed by the Steering Committee which recommended the action indicated.** There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. (Bylaws attached for reference)
- **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS AS STATED ABOVE - SUBCOMMITTEE TO LOOK AT THE BYLAWS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD - HORVATH/BUTTS**
- **VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMITTEE - VALENTINE, CHEN AND ARMATO**

- **CRUIKSHANK STATED THAT BOARD MEMBERS NEED TO EXPRESS THE VALUE OF THE SBCCOG TO OTHER COUNCILMEMBRs. REGIONALISM IS IMPORTANT FOR THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THEIR RESIDENTS. REGIONAL MOBILITY IS IMPORTANT**

H. Appointments to Outside Agencies – 12:20 pm

- Memo on appointments & memo specifically on Metro Service Council nominations attached
- **CHRISTIAN TO DO INTERVIEWS IN A SUBCOMMITTEE. CRUIKSHANK. & VALENTINE**
- **CRUIKSHANK WOULD NOT CONSIDER THE APPLICANT AFTER THE DEADLINE**
- **ACTION:** Recommended that the Board reappoint the uncontested representatives for additional two years (Dieringer & Brand) and review nominees for SCAG policy committee and Metro Service Council and provide direction on selection process. –**FORM COMMITTEE - NO AFTER DEADLINE APPLICANTS – CHEN/ARMATO sent e-mail to Asemanfar 4/14/21 re: not to be considered. Possible interview dates sent to Horvath, Valentine and Cruikshank 4/15/21**

I. South Bay Fiber Network – 12:30 pm

- **2 new sites in Lomita!**
- **CALCOG, Cal Forward, LAEDC and SANDAG panels**
- **Collaboration with LA County on the Digital Divide**
- **Memo re: work orders and Work Order #3 change order**
- **ACTION: Recommend board approval of:**
- **SBFN Change Order to Work Order #3 - net increase of \$254,777.00 These increases are due to unexpected changes to construction techniques, modifications to implementation tactics required by Cities to satisfy new protocols and/or to reduce surface remediation.**
- **SBFN Work Order #4 - for three additional sites, with capital costs estimated at \$200,000.00. \$274,000+ -**
- **BUTTS – NOT ACCEPTABLE. PROJECTED ACCESS THAT THEY WEREN'T SURE ABOUT AND THEREFORE GAVE A LOWER BID TO GET THE BUSINESS. CAN'T BE THIS EASY. THEY SHOULD HAVE TOLD US THEIR ASSUMPTIONS WHEN THEY GAVE THE BID. SHOULD HAVE GIVEN RANGES. WASN'T A COMPLETE PROPOSAL. SHOULD HAVE GIVEN A NOT TO EXCEED NUMBER.**
- **CHEN – IF THEY ARE PULLING MORE FIBER -PUT ADDITIONAL FIBER IN FOR GROWTH AND WE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO IT.**
- **WAITE – HOW WILL FIBER NETWORK WILL BE IMPACTED WITH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN?**
- **HORVATH – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – BROADER OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING IT INTO COMMUNITIES. AGREES WITH BUTTS. THIS HAS BEEN FLUID PROCESS – NEW SITES, CONSTANT CHANGE – OVER 2 YEAR PERIOD – COSTS UP BUT DUE TO UNEXPECTED CHANGES. – BUTTS SAYS THAT DOESN'T HOLD UP. HORVATH – NOT ALARMING.**

- **HORVATH/ARMATO – APPROVED – BUTTS ABSTAINED**

- J. **Aerial Photograph Initiative – LARIAC - - 12:40 pm**
 - Memo attached
 - **ACTION: NOT ENOUGH INTEREST AT THIS TIME FOR US TO GET A DISCOUNT. LOOKING TO OFFSET COSTS WITH OTHER FUNDING SOURCES – NEXT LARIAC CYCLE IS 2023 SO WE WOULD START 6 MONTHS EARLY – MAYBE JUNE 2022 LOOK AGAIN**
 - **WAITE – CITY CAN JOIN AT ANY TIME. GET CURRENT AND SEVERAL YEARS OLD DATA SO YOU CAN SEE THE CHANGES.**
 - **LANDERS – WILL TALK TO KIM**

- K. **Legislative Issues – 12:45 pm**
 - **Legislative Matrix attached**
 - **ACTION: Recommend Board support AB 538, AB 246, SB 612, AB 1053, ACA 7, SB 765 and oppose SB 556, AB 339, AB 68, AB 1401 – ADD AB 1251 FOR SUPPORT**
- **MOVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AS OUTLINED – DEAR/HORVATH – APPROVED – CHEN ABSTAINED ON AB 246 AND SB 765**

- **Legislative visits – update on messaging at the meeting**

The legislative calendar is as follows:

- A April 30 Last day for policy committee to meet and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 7 Last day for policy committees to meet and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house
- May 14 Last day for policy committee to meet prior to June 7

We need to arrange these visits if we can between April 14 and April 22.

- **ARMATO – HOLD MEETINGS – BE ORGANIZED WITH TEAM MEETING AND TEAM LEADER. PRE-MEETING – DECIDE PRIORITY BILLS TO DISCUSS BASED ON LEGISLATOR WE ARE MEETING WITH. PRIORITIZE BY LEVEL OF IMPACT TO SOUTH BAY.**
- **HORVATH – LAST YEAR – WORKED WITH LOBBYIST. CPA DID FULL DAY AFFAIR. NEED SOMEONE TO HELP SET UP THE MEETINGS AND WORK ON THE TALKING POINTS.**
- **CRUIKSHANK – YES TO ALL ABOVE. ALL CITIES ON THE SAME PAGE ON MANY ITEMS. SOME THINGS IN THE PAPER HE DOESN'T AGREE WITH SO THEY NEED TO BE MASSAGED.**
- **WAITE – WHO ELSE SHOULD WE BE TALKING WITH? SIERRA CLUB?**
- **SIEMBAB - MAYBE OP-ED OR PRESS**
- **BACHARACH – USE CITY LOBBYISTS**
- **VALENTINE – LET THEM KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING AS A SBCCOG – EX. NEIGHBORHOOD ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROMOTION. NARROW THE ISSUES – MAYBE 3 THINGS AND INCORPORATE WHAT WE STAND FOR. CONCERNED ABOUT TALKING ABOUT INDIVIDUAL BILLS – USE THEM AS EXAMPLES.**
- **FIRST TALKING POINT IS LEGISLATIVE OVERREACH AND INSULT TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RULES AND DEMOCRACY**
- **DREW, CHRISTIAN, JOHN, STACEY, OLIVIA**

- L. **Items from the Transportation Committee, if required – 12:55 pm CONGESTION PRICING SURVEY**

- M. **Planner for the SBCCOG – special assessment - 1:00 pm**

- Memos attached – description, potential scope of work, matrix of assessments

- **ACTION:** Recommend the Board approve the hiring of a planner for the subregion who would work under the direction of the SBCCOG on priorities established by the City Community Development Directors and the SBCCOG. The position will be funded by a special assessment which will be sent out with the dues invoices.

BEA WANTS A SUNSET TO COINCIDE WITH REAP FUNDING OR IF ASSESSMENT IS TOO MUCH, I WILL JUST KEEP USING THE MONEY. ME – RE-EVALUATE EVERY YEAR IN THE BUDGET. BEA – DEFINE THAT IT IS MONEY TO BE ONLY TO BE USED FOR THE PLANNER. AND ANY LEFT OVER MONEY SHOULD BE RETURNED PRO RATA.

MOTION TO APPROVE: CRUIKSHANK/ARMATO.

APPROVED: VALENTINE, ARMATO, HORVATH, WAITE, STERN, CRUIKSHANK, CHEN

OPPOSED – MURDOCK

ABSTAINED - DEAR, HUFF, TANAKA

APPROVED 7/1/3

N. Board Meeting agenda development – 1:10 pm

- April – draft attached – Sanitation District presentation on their Clearwater project, Regional Energy Network presentation, Bill Brand re: "Sacramento Striping Local Control of Zoning and Land Use"
- May – budget/election, LTN follow-up, West Harbor Presentation, 21-22 work program
- June – election of officers/budget adoption, Gipson re: police reform issues???

O. Color of newsletter – 1:15 pm

- The SouthBay Watch newsletter has had a different color for each edition since its inception over 20 years ago.
- It has been brought to our attention that normally newsletters have a more consistent look and color palette.
- **ACTION:** Provide direction re: whether the color change for each edition should continue or whether we should pick one color and stick with it.
- **HUFF – LIKES THE COLOR CHANGE – EASIER TO PICK OUT SAMPLES**
- **DEAR – ONLY CONSTANT IS CHANGE**
- **HORVATH – FOUR COLOR PRINTING IS NOW CHEAPER THAN BEFORE. TRADITIONALLY WOULD BE THE SAME ON MONTH TO MONTH. BUT CONSIDER JUST ELECTRONIC.**
- **TANAKA – KEEP COLOR CHANGE**
- **VALENTINE – COLOR SHOULD CHANGE IS THE CONSENSUS**

P. Approval of Invoices

- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment
- **BILL FROM BBK FOR \$1025.00 - TANAKA/ARMATO**

• **VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Q. **General Assembly – 1:25 pm – Powerpoint by Kim – reserve Carson for 2022? – e-mail request sent to Landers w/ copy to Hicks and Dear for date & fee waivers 4/13/21**

- **WAITE AND CRUIKSHANK – KUDOS TO CHRISTIAN AND GO BACK TO CARSON**
- **TANAKA’S FIRST EVENT – GOT A LOT OF INFORMATION. REPRESENTATIVES COULDN’T ANSWER INFORMATION. GREAT JOB. GOT A LOT OUT OF IT.**
- **DEAR – RESERVE COMMUNITY CENTER – WILL GET RUSH OF RESERVATIONS ONCE IT OPENS.**
- **LANDERS – DOESN’T KNOW HOW THEY ARE HANDLING THE CENTER. SEND LETTER WITH THE DATE AND REQUEST. 4/13/21 – email request sent for date & request for fee waiver to Landers & SBCCOG Board delegate and alternate – Hicks & Dear**

R. **Local Travel Network Update – final report due end of April**

S. **Community Project Funding Requests – 1:35 pm**

- **Memo attached**

- **ADD REDONDO BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER**

T. Update on Homeless Program and Innovation Project Funding - 1:40 pm

- Launched Client Aid program in March; held training for city staff & law enforcement on March 30th
- Training Module 101 - SBCCOG will provide training, if requested, to city staff
- Home Share South Bay - still working on building base of available homes; giving presentations to city commissions, senior groups
- Measure H funding for 2022-2023
- Next meeting scheduled for May 5, 2021 from 3-5pm

U. Senior Services – 1:45 pm

- AARP Age-Friendly Network of States and Communities vs. Milken Institute Best Cities for Successful Aging Mayor's Pledge
- Regular updates from BCHD on COVID-19 data and vaccinations
- Next meeting scheduled for May 25, 2021 from 9:30-11:30am

V. Update on Senior Services – 1:50 pm

- Inglewood staff person met his new councilmember at this meeting!
- Age Friendly cities – El Segundo and Hermosa Beach
- U.S. aging more quickly than other parts of the world
- By 2030, one of every five people in the U.S. will be 65 or older.
- By 2035, the number of adults older than 65 will be greater than the number of children under 18.
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VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- Other updates since agenda distribution – 1:55 pm

TELEWORK – HOW MANY DAYS/WEEK ARE CITIES ALLOWING EMPLOYEES TO TELEWORK? – ASK CITY MANAGERS

VALENTINE AND WAITE – YES

4/14/21 – asked Jeff Kiernan re: LCC & Bob Dominguez re: ICMA

4/18/21 – asked Lisa Garrett, LA County HR dept head, SBWIB & LAEDC

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – Monday, May 10, 2021 @ 12:00 pm via zoom