

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

## Steering Committee October 10, 2022 Minutes

**Attendees: In Person:** John Cruikshank, (Chair, Rancho Palos Verdes), Cedric Hicks, (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Carson), Rodney Tanaka (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Gardena), Barry Waite (Lomita), Britt Huff (RHE), Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne),

**Virtual:** Drew Boyles (Immediate Past Chair, El Segundo), Hildy Stern (Manhattan Beach), Bernadette Suarez (Lawndale), Bill Stracker (??), Dave Simpson, Cox Communications

**SBCCOG:** Jacki Bacharach, David Leger, Wally Siembab, Ronson Chu, Gillian Stucki (1:30 pm), Natalie Champion

- I. **CONFIRM THE QUORUM - 12:00 pm**
- II. **REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA**
  - **ACTION:** Received and filed
- III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- V. **CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file – 12:05 pm**
  - A. Steering Committee September 11, 2022 meeting minutes attached **TANAKA/BOYLES**
    - **ACTION:** Approved
  - B. Dues and Assessment Status
    - All dues are paid
    - Lawndale did not pay the assessment
  - C. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached
  - D. Media Report – attached
- VI. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - E. Homeless Services report – **12:10 pm**
    - Client Aid presentation and status of disbursements – attached
    - Modifications to the Budget with the County for Homeless Services – attached - **REVISED**
      - **FRONT MONEY FOR CLIENT AID UNTIL CONTRACT SIGNED**
    - County contract **JUST** arrived
      - **4.1 The term of this Contract shall commence upon execution by the County’s Chief Executive Officer and shall expire in two (2) years, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.**
      - **The SBCCOG will receive \$118,751 in Regional Homelessness Coordination Funds.**
      - **The SBCCOG will receive \$2,110,510 in Innovation Funds, of which \$145,000 has been previously pre-paid.**
      - **The maximum contract amount is not to exceed \$2,229,261.**
    - CARE courts update – **TOO MUCH REPETITION BETWEEN STEERING COMMITTEE AND BOARD. TAKE UPDATES LIKE THIS TO BOARD DIRECTLY**

- Other program updates – **OCTOBER 20 COUNTY REGIONAL CONVENING RE: HOMELESS SERVICES**
- **DATA REQUEST – MAKE REQUEST FOR THE REGION. WE ARE PREPARING A DETAILED REQUEST OF WHAT WE NEED.**
- **ACTION:** RecommendED Board approval of modifications to homeless services budget with the county – **TANAKA/VALENTINE**
- **ACTION: TAKE COUNTY CONTRACT TO THE BOARD ON CONSENT CALENDAR - HUFF/VALENTINE**

**F. South Bay Regional Housing Trust Next Steps – 12:20 PM**

- SB 1444 is now law and we have a South Bay Regional Housing Trust
- Next steps are outlined in the attached memo
- **ACTION:** 1) Recommend to the Board of Directors that the formation of the Trust be funded through REAP 2.0 funds, and  
2) That the Steering Committee ask for board volunteers for a subcommittee that can start discussing next steps including the drafting an RFP for consulting services so that when the REAP 2.0 funds become available, we can circulate it immediately.  
**ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS - WAIT UNTIL JANUARY FOR COMMITTEE TO CONVENE – BOYLES VOLUNTEERS HICKS/HUFF**
- **CRUIKSHANK HAS TALKED TO STACEY AND DREW RE: SUBCOMMITTEE TO DECIDE WHAT WE NEED AND WHAT WE WOULD USE THE FUNDS FOR AND WHAT IT MEANS. USE REAP 2.0. STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT IS ABOUT 7 MONTH PROCESS.**
- **WAITE – CITY MANAGERS ARE RISK AVERSE AND WE NEED TO TAKE THIS STEP.**
- **HICKS – WHO WANTS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE? WILL THERE BE ENOUGH?**

**G. Local Travel Network – 12:35 PM**

- **DID NOT WIN THE MSRC GRANT FOR DRIVE WHAT YOU NEED TOOL DEVELOPMENT**
- Memo attached
- **ACTION:** Review and rank wayfinding signs and Review the final design ideas, complete the rank-order preference survey, and consult with their city council colleagues to inform a final vote at the November 17<sup>th</sup> SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting.

**H. Open House – November 17 – 12:50 pm**

- Start time 4:30 pm before the Board meeting
- Invitations being developed

**I. Board Meeting Agenda Development – 1:00 PM**

- October – draft attached
  - City Sharing
  - Energy Efficiency Recognition Program Roll-out (SBEER) - **BOARD APPROVAL IN NOVEMBER ON CONSENT CALENDAR FOR LAUNCH IN JANUARY**
  - **OCTOBER 13 – LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – BRADFORD & KAMLAGER ATTENDING VIRTUAL?, VIDEO MESSAGE FROM ALLEN**
- November 17 – Open House and Meeting
  - **ACKNOWLEDGE RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS**
  - Muratsuchi and Allen – TY for legislation
  - Mental Health Services?

- MORROW Meadows – Hybrid Energy Solutions in San Diego Area – microgrids, lithium storage?? – DAN – CRUIKSHANK WILL SEND ME CONTACT
- ILG INTRO – JUDY MITCHELL
- DECEMBER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – TY TO ASSEMBLYMAN MURATSUCHI FOR SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATION
  - EQUITY PRINCIPLE
- NET METERING – ADVICE IS TO WAIT FOR A PROPOSED DECISION TO BE PUBLISHED AND THEN HAVE SCE AND CAL SSA (CALIFORNIA SOLAR & STORAGE ASSOCIATION) PRESENT THEIR PERSPECTIVES – MAYBE OTHERS? BARDACKE HAS AGREED TO MODERATE BUT IT WOULD BE A SPECIAL MEETING. INTERESTED? WAIT AND SEE?
  - CRUIKSHANK – PRE-OUTREACH MEETINGS WITH THE CPUC. HE IS INVOLVED WITH THE PRE-DECISION PROCESS. IRVINE INVOLVED TOO. COMPLEX ISSUE. CLEAN HYDROGEN IS A FACTOR. HARBOR ASSOCIATION MEETING LAST WEEK HERE WITH BRADFORD AND HE HAS STRONG OPINIONS ON ENERGY. IF YOU ADD TWO ELECTRIC VEHICLES TO EVERY BLOCK, WOULD EXPLODE THE GRID. RANGE OF OPINIONS RE: ROADBLOCKS.
  - HICKS – HEAT WAVE – ASKED EV OWNERS TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER PEAK HOURS TO CHARGE THEIR VEHICLES
  - CRUIKSHANK – NEEDS SPECIAL MEETING
  - SUAREZ – PART OF DISCUSSION IS GRID AND ITS MAINTENANCE. RULING – HOW IT WILL IMPACT THE GRID. NEEDS BIG DISCUSSION IN ANOTHER MEETING AND HOW IT WILL IMPACT THE REGION.
  - SIEMBAB – GRID – STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF LTN. SCE NEEDS TO BE CLEAR ON WHAT THEY CAN AND CANNOT DELIVER.
  - HICKS – CPA NOT NEUTRAL ENOUGH – NO BARDACKE AS MONITOR
  - GROUP – WALLY SHOULD MODERATE
  - WAIT FOR NEWLY ELECTEDS – IN JANUARY
  - CONTACT CPUC FOR THE DECISION TIMING
- January
  - SBCCOG orientation and review of SBCCOG Committees – annual report and who members are for newly elected officials and all board members
  - APPROVE EQUITY PRINCIPLE
- February
  - Green Line extension EIR (April for recommendation)
- MARCH – GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- Future meeting possible speakers:
  - Stephanie Wiggins, Metro CEO
  - Signal Synchronization applications with the SBFN – What’s Happening in Manhattan Beach
  - How Villages help to age in place
  - WHAT HAPPENS TO HOMELESS PEOPLE/AGENCIES WORKING IN YOUR CITY (EX. DMH)
  - ON THE MOVE – METRO SENIOR SERVICES
  - LEAD DROPPING FROM THE SKY ISSUE FROM LOCAL AIRPORTS – REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

J. General Assembly Planning Update – 1:05 PM

- Photo contest – the theme will be local landmarks and the contest will open January 1 – COLLEEN - GIVE EXAMPLES SO WE DON’T JUST GET THE COAST
- Planning Memo attached
- ACTION: Approve working title for the General Assembly so PR and fundraising can start
- HUFF - CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER
- CRUIKSHANK – LIEU DEMO IN EXHIBIT HALL – MORE HANDS ON DEMOS

■ **CRUIKSHANK – EACH COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE A PANEL. TITLE**

*“The South Bay: Leading the Way in Resilience and Adaptability”*. **VALENTINE/HICKS**

**K. Creation of Finance Committee – 1:15 PM**

- It has been almost 5 years since the last change in dues and an in depth look at the SBCCOG’s financial resources going into the future
- **ACTION:** Approve creation of a Finance Committee and request volunteers  
**WAITE/VALENTINE**
- **SUAREZ, TANAKA, OSORIO, VALENTINE VOLUNTEERS NORRIS - HORVATH**

**L. Approval of Invoices – to be sent separately – 1:20 PM**

- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment **TANAKA/HICKS**

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**M. South Bay Fiber Network – 1:25 PM**

- Waiting to hear about LATA Grant – application was for \$498,949
  - No applications have been approved as of 10/3/22
  - **CHECK ARA – RADAR SITE FOR PENINSULA**

**N. SCAG REAP Update – 1:35 pm**

- Status of REAP 1 projects – ADU, Commercial Redevelopment, Housing Education

**ADU ACCELERATION**

*Participating cities:* El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rancho Palos Verdes

**Survey status:**

- Received 30 responses to-date
  - 23 owners, 7 renters
- Round 2 postcards will be mailed this week (October 10<sup>th</sup>)
  - Jacki will ask PIOs/city managers to post survey infographic with caption provided by SBCCOG to social media and newsletters
- ADU Survey deadline will be **November 23, 2022**
- Consultant has interviewed all cities for Housing Policies Comparison Task – *thank you to cities*

**COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT INTO HOUSING**

*Participating cities:* Carson, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach

- Consultant is meeting with cities to discuss feasibility criteria and proposed priority redevelopment areas

**Carson (met on 10/4)**

- **Carson selected two priority areas** for further study by consultant team
  - Main Street:
    - 3-story townhome product for the smaller sites adjacent to the single-family homes
  - Carson Plaza Office Park:
    - Residential development of mixed income with site access to the Dominguez Channel/pocket park and to South Bay Pavilion

**El Segundo (met on 10/6)**

- **El Segundo prefers Smokey Hollow Specific Plan area if it meets feasibility criteria.**  
Consultant to verify

- Other area under consideration = Main Street/Grand in downtown
- Hermosa Beach** - Meeting scheduled for 10/13
- Manhattan Beach** - In process of scheduling meeting
- SBCCOG needs meeting responses from **Hawthorne & Redondo Beach**

### **HOUSING EDUCATION FORUM**

- Bench of Experts in development
  - Jonathan in touch with several potential presenters
- SBCCOG aims to launch first session January 12, 2023
  - Schedule is second Thursdays monthly, 12-1 (brown bag lunch)
  - Rollout out every 3 weeks or so

### **Status of REAP 2.0**

- SBCCOG submitted required “Intent to Apply for Funding” today, October 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Form is a formality to declare participation in REAP 2.0
  - SBCCOG has earmark of \$585,856
  - We will engage cities on other potential project ideas
  - Projects:
    - Housing Trust Fund
    - Implementation of Commercial Redevelopment into Housing using Other to Residential Toolkit – **HELP US HELP CITIES USE THE TOOL**
  - REAP 2 application due in February 2023

### **O. Update on South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached – 1:45 PM**

- **new CivicSparks Fellow started Talia Perluss. She will be working on: 1) EE – implement equipment inventory (potentially working with volunteers), city recognition program, energy waste nexus, adding water and waste to Energy Star Portfolio manager tool**
- **Public Power-Up (EV charging infrastructure) Carson, Hawthorne, and Gardena have projects and likely install Q1 2023**
- **El Segundo community joint presentation Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation hybrid and recorded 39 views**
- **West Basin Rain Barrel event on Sept. 24 went well – 300 barrels were given away. There are almost 1000 barrels reserved by community members for upcoming events.**
- **Prop 1, Round 2 Scoring 5 projects (clean water supply) were submitted for scoring for a total of \$8.810 million. 2 projects are in DAC communities. All were good projects – wells, coastal restoration, school and park greenways; and runoff projects. There is only about \$3.185 million available. We will not know which projects will receive funding until next year; however, the Greater Los Angeles County IRWP approved \$900K – Healthy Pocket Parks and Schools, 52nd Street Elementary project to advance for funding consideration.**
- **MARTHA TO CONTACT OLIVIA**

### **P. Update on Senior Services - 1:50 PM - MEETING LAST THURSDAY**

## **VII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 1:55 PM**

## **IX. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING – Monday, December 12, 2022 @ 12:00 noon – hybrid – NO NOVEMBER STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – GO STRAIGHT TO BOARD**