

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee November 8, 2021 Minutes

ATTENDEES: Drew Boyles (Chair, El Segundo), John Cruikshank (1st Vice Chair, Rancho Palos Verdes), Cedric Hicks, Sr. (2nd Vice Chair, Carson), Britt Huff (Rolling Hills Estates), George Chen (Torrance), Stacey Armato and C.M. Suja Lowenthal (Hermosa Beach), Barry Waite (Lomita), Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach), Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne), Jim Butts (Inglewood), Mark Dierking (Metro), Ronson Chu, David Leger, Wally Siembab, Natalie Champion, Kim Fuentes, Steve Lantz, Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG) Jesse De La Cruz

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA

- **ACTION:** Received and filed

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - NONE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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

A. Steering Committee October 11, 2021 meeting minutes attached

- **ACTION:** Approved – **HORVATH/VALENTINE**

B. Website Maintenance

- Memo attached

- **ACTION:** Recommended Board approval

C. Legislative Issues

- OCCOG lawsuit against HCD re: RHNA – waiting for November hearing re: standing

D. General Assembly Sponsorship Status – **22nd**

- First sponsor! Port of Los Angeles - \$5000

E. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached - **PLEASE NOTE PARTICIPATION FROM EVERY MEMBER**

F. Media Report – attached

VI. ACTION ITEMS

G. County Re-Districting – **12:10 PM**

- 4 options being considered – maps attached – with South Bay in 2 or 3 districts. Still being revised.

- **TORRANCE COUNCIL TOOK ACTION RE: STATE AND FED THAT THEY HAVE ONE REPRESENTATIVE AND NOT SPLIT THE CITY. COUNTY DISTRICTS HAVEN'T GONE TO COUNCIL. PRETTY SAFE TO SAY THEY DON'T WANT TO BE SPLIT.**

- **HORVATH – GENERAL POSITION – 2 DISTRICTS AT THE LEAST. TAKE HIGH LEVEL POSITION. NO TIME FOR US TO REVIEW MORE ON THE OPTIONS AND THESE WILL STILL CHANGE. DISCUSS IT AT CITY LEVEL.**

- **CRUIKSHANK – AGREE WITH CHRISTIAN. RPV DID DISCUSS IT. THEY CONCLUDED THAT THEY WANT TO BE WITH PENINSULA CITIES. THEREFORE, MORE DISTRICTS – MORE DILUTED. 3 DISTRICTS NOT GOOD. STAY WITH 2 AT THE MOST.**

- **ARMATO – MORE SUPERVISORS, THE BIGGER VOICE IS POSSIBLE.**

MOTION - HORVATH/ARMATO – INFORM CITIES OF THE MAPS AND LET THEM TAKE ACTION. HIGH LEVEL PRINCIPLES – WE WANT TO KEEP IT THE SAME FOR THE SOUTH BAY WITHOUT SPLITTING CITIES. LETTER TO GO TO BOARD ON NOVEMBER 18. SEND TO COUNCILS FIRST. APPROVED

H. Board Meeting Agenda Development – 12:30 PM

- November – focus on water – draft agenda attached
 - Drought 2021 Update, Harold Williams, Board President, West Basin MWD –
 - CRUIKSHANK – RE: DESALINATION DISCUSSION?**
 - KIM - NO. WILL TALK RE: SEVERE PROBLEMS WITH WATER SUPPLY**
 - CRUIKSHANK – HOW WATER RATES ARE SET – HELP PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR USAGE? CHARGED BY METER SIZE.**
 - WAITE – HAVE TO SET RATES RE: METER SIZE TO COVER FINANCING.**
 - BOYLES – HUGE WATER INCREASE FROM HYPERION – INCREASES AND HOW THEY PASS THAT ON AND DO THEIR CALCULATIONS**
 - Super Bowl overview by Butts – **CONFIRMED – CA. 10 MINUTES**
 - **INFO ON INFRASTRUCTURE BILL FROM METRO STAFF**
- January
 - Landside Impacts of Port Congestion – Tom O'Brien - confirmed
 - Sheriff Villanueva – tentative confirmation – WHAT TOPICS? Invite contract cities @ 5 pm?
 - Signal Synchronization applications with the SBFN – What's Happening in Manhattan Beach
- February
 - Speaker on Pensions and City Liability – **CONTACT FROM DREW WILL BE TALKING TO DREW AGAIN BEFORE WE SCHEDULE A TIME.**
- Future meeting possible speakers:
 - 2028 Olympics Committee update
 - Stephanie Wiggins, Metro CEO
 - Chief Deputy of DA
 - 988 NUMBER – HOW WILL IT WORK AND WHEN – MORE DETAILS?**

I. Potential Creation of a Regional Housing Trust Fund – 12:40 PM

- Review of opportunity and issues
- **SB 809 – CCCA LEGISLATION – EXCHANGE RHNA CREDITS. 2 YR BILL. PRIORITY – TENTATIVELY HAVE SENATOR WIENER'S SUPPORT.**
- **BONTA'S NEW STRIKE TEAM ON HOUSING TO MAKE SURE CITIES ARE BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE NEED TO SHOW THAT WE ARE DOING SOMETHING. THIS IS POSSIBLE NEXT STEP FOR OUR CITIES AND CAN HAPPEN QUICKLY AT LOW COST WITH POTENTIALLY GREAT GAINS.**
- **SGVCOG REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST MEETING – PARTNERED WITH SGVCOG. 1.5 FTE \$318,000 ANNUAL BUDGET. FEE FOR EACH CITY IS ADMIN COST – STARTING AT \$5000 AND UP. AFFILIATE MEMBERS – PRIVATE COMPANIES. MOST FUNDING FROM STATE. THEIR SENATOR GOT OVER \$21 MILLION ALLOCATED TO THEM AND THEY ALSO USE FED FUNDS AND MEASURE H FUNDS. ANY OTHER FUNDS MATCHED BY THE STATE TOO. 9 MEMBER BOARD WITH 7 CITIES AND HOUSING EXPERTS. HOUSING PIPELINE AND SCORE CARD. 71 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AND 2 PROJECTS WITH 175 HOUSING UNITS. 14 PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE. WOULD APPLY TO HOMELESS SHELTERS TOO.**
- **CHEN – ASK CITIES FIRST BEFORE WE PROCEED FURTHER. HE HAS RESERVATIONS AND HIS STAFF DOES HAVE RESERVATIONS. MAY NOT BE IN FAVOR OF JOINING.**
- **BUTTS – WANTS TO SEE PARTICULARS**

- **BOYLES – WHAT OTHER FUNDS FROM CITIES? VOTING?**
- **ARMATO - ADMIN COSTS TO CITIES. ALLOTTED ON PER PROJECT BASIS. COULD ADMIN FEES BE CHARGED BACK TO THE TRUST? HELP PRIVATE COMPANIES. SGVCOG – CA. 70% PARTICIPATION RATE. VOTING TO BE DETERMINED.**
- **KAMLAGER’S BILL IS DIFFERENT – MORE OF A TAX. TRUST COULD APPLY FOR SOME OF THE TAX REVENUE.**
- **VALENTINE – HOW WOULD PROJECTS BE DECIDED?**
- **ARMATO – PROJECTS SUBMITTED AND HOUSING TRUST BOARD TO ALLOCATE FUNDING. CRITERIA FOR PROJECT FUNDING WOULD BE OUR CHOICE.**
- **BOYLES – NO REGIONAL RHNA ALLOCATION. APPROVE THIS GOING TO THE BOARD – GO TO CITY MANAGERS ON NOVEMBER 17.**
- **ACTION: BOYLES/ARMATO & APPROVED WITH – CHEN VOTING AGAINST – RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THAT UP TO \$5000 BE APPROVED FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO CREATE DOCUMENTS FOR HOUSING TRUST FUND – TO BE REIMBURSABLE BY TRUST SHOULD IT BE CREATED**

J. Bylaws – 12:55 PM

- Memo and suggested Bylaws revisions attached
- **ACTION:** Review attached suggested Bylaws changes and recommend that they be submitted to the Board at the next meeting for a vote at the January 27 Board meeting.
- **VALENTINE/CRUIKSHANK – APPROVED FOR BOARD**

K. Approval of Invoices – to be sent separately – 1:05 PM

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

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

L. Alert South Bay Issues – 1:10 PM

EXPLAINED THE DISCUSSION IS IN PROGRESS

M. Update on South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached – 1:20 pm

- Water saving give away being planned
- **WORK FOR RPV RE: ENERGY USE**
- **CASH FOR KITCHENS – GARDENA IS FOCUS THIS WEEK**
- **CALIF GREEN BUSINESS FUNDING – HAWTHORNE, EL SEGUNDO, TORRANCE – DELAY IN FUNDING**
- **GBC – MANHATTAN BEACH AND HERMOSA BEACH – THRU TRASH HAULER;**
- **SOCAL REN – LUNCH AND LEARNS FOR EMPLOYEES OF SMALL CITIES? WILL BE PILOT**
- **SENIOR EVENT – CHANGE AND SAVE WATER CONSERVATION KITS FOR SENIORS AND \$500/WASHER REBATES. – NOVEMBER 19**
- **WE ARE GOING TO EVENTS – LET US KNOW.**
- **VALENTINE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ON THE HAWTHORNE BUSINESSES – CRUIKSHANK AND BOYLES INTERESTED TOO**

N. Homeless Program – 1:30 PM

- Homeless Outreach Staffing at Agencies – Recruitment and Retention issue – high vacancies and turnover. – **66 OUTREACH WORKERS WITH 17 VACANCIES. LAHSA’S SALARIES ARE HIGHER AND WE COMPETE WITH THEM TO HIRE.**
- Mental Health Mobile Response Team pilot with Beach Cities and LA County – **PILOT - PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. 988 NEXT SUMMER – FEDERALLY MANDATED. TALKED TO MB, RB AND EL SEG. – TORRANCE IS INTERESTED. FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THIS. ROUGHLY 300 CALLS PER YEAR.**
- New Board of Supervisors motion to Create a \$10 million COGs and Cities Interim Housing

Services Fund to support services at homeless interim housing projects cited in local jurisdictions throughout the County, using state, federal, and local dollars including, but not limited to state Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention 3 grant and federal American Rescue Plan Act funds. Funds should be accessible by January 1, 2022. 2. Report back in 30 days with a framework for accessing the Interim Housing Services Fund including eligible project types, length of operations, and matching bonuses/incentives, etc. #

- Blue Ribbon Commission update – **MIGHT ADD A FEW EVENING MEETINGS**
- **HOMELESS COUNT – JANUARY 26**
- **BUDGET MODIFICATION WAS APPROVED FROM THE FIRST INNOVATION FUND TO SUPPORT THE TORRANCE SHELTER**
- **PSA FOR HOMESHARE SOUTH BAY**
- **STATE PAYING FOR RENTS RE: EVICTION MORATORIUM – ENDED SEPT. 30 – THERE IS A GROUP THAT IS PAYING RENT A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO AND UTILITIES**
- **NEW CHAIR OF HOMELESS TASK FORCE – RODNEY TANAKA**

O. South Bay Fiber Network – **1:40 PM**

- Update on Expansion of the Network and Neighborhood Centers – **MEETING WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL**

P. Local Travel Network – **1:45 PM**

- **BEACH CITIES AND INLAND CORRIDOR – MEETING WITH STAFF FROM EACH. GOING OVER INITIAL REFINEMENT OF THE ROUTE AND WHAT BARRIERS THERE MIGHT BE**
- **RFP FOR WAYFINDING SIGNAGE – MAYBE DECEMBER**

Q. Update on Senior Services – **1:50 PM**

- **DECEMBER 2. PVL D MONIQUE SUGIMOTO HAS PROGRAMS FOR REMOTE ACCESS.**

VIII. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 1:55 PM

R. Other updates since agenda distribution

- **SPA 8 Working Group**
 - **DISCUSSED 988 NEW MENTAL PHONE NUMBER. COUNTY WANTS TO EXPAND THE RESPONSE TEAMS BY SUMMER WHEN IT GOES ON LINE. NEED TO BUILD THE NETWORK PROPERLY! WILL BE HOSTING OF EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS.**
 - **HEALTH ISSUES DISCUSSED. REACHING OUT TO CITIES RE: ISSUES.**
 - **TAKEAWAY – THIS NEW COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP LOOKS PROMISING.**
- **UPDATE RE: GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROGRAM PLANNING AND SPONSORSHIP SOLICITATION**

IX. NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING – Monday, December 13, 2021 @ 12:00 noon – virtual