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REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Thursday, May 15, 2008

11:45 AM Gathering
12:15 PM Business Meeting

Hosted By: County of Los Angeles
Location: LACMA – Terrace Room
5905 Wilshire Boulevard
LA, CA 90036

Meeting Notes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 PM by Chair Briskman

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Supervisor Yaroslavsky welcomed all the LACMA and introduced staff who would be available after the meeting for a brief tour of the Broad Museum.

Chair Briskman asked all present to participate in self-introductions.

The following individuals identified themselves as voting delegates to the Board for the meeting: Bloom, Briskman, Heilman, Malsin, Rosendahl and Yaroslavsky

3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 20, 2008, MEETING NOTES

Moved by Heilman, seconded by Maslin to approve the Meeting Notes as presented. The Meeting Notes were unanimously approved.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

(A) Executive Director Report

(B) Approval of WSCCOG Conflict of Interest Code

(C) Receipt and File of Treasurer's Financial Report for March and April, 2008

Moved by Heilman, seconded by Rosendahl to approved the consent calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Briskman announced Item 5. (I) was being removed from the agenda as action on this item was not needed.

(A) Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary to the WSCCOG for the 2008-09 FY.

Member Heilman nominated Chair Briskman for a second term as Chair, Member Yaroslavsky seconded the nomination. Discussion ensued regarding whether the position of Chair should be rotated annually. Based on that discussion, Chair Briskman asked the motion and second be withdrawn. Her request was honored.

Moved by Bloom, seconded by Malsin to elect John Heilman as Chair of the WSCCOG for the 2008-09 FY. The motion passed unanimously.

In-coming Chair Heilman noted he would be unavailable for the July 17th meeting. Moved by Yaroslavsky, seconded by Briskman to nominate Member Malsin as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Briskman, seconded by Yaroslavsky to nominate Member Rosendahl as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

(B) Discussion RE Whether to Increase the Size of Standing Committees From Two to Three Members Per Committee and Appoint/Reappoint Members to the two WSCCOG Standing Committees for the 2008-09 FY

The Executive Director advised that the six-member COG could appoint up to three electeds to each of the standing committees. In addition she noted that the By-laws permitted the Board to appoint any other “qualified individuals” to serve on the Committees. She noted that to date, the members had chosen to limit Committee members to Delegates and Alternates to the Board.

It was agreed by consensus of the members to increase the number of electeds volunteering to serve on each of the two standing committees from two to three members; to continue to have electeds (Delegates and Alternates to the Board) serve as official Committee members, and to continue to expect the Committee Members to elect/appoint Committee officers.

The desire to provide for continuity on Committees as well as to offer an opportunity for new/different representation was recognized.

It was decided by consensus of the members that the Transportation Committee would include Delegates Briskman, Heilman and Rosendahl.

It was decided by consensus of the members that the Homeless Issues Committee would include Delegates Bloom, Yaroslavsky and Alternate O’Leary

(C) Appointment of WSCCOG Regional Director to the LA County Division of the League of CA Cities.

Moved by Heilman, seconded by Briskman to appoint Member Malsin to represent the COG as a Regional Director to the LA County Division of the League of CA Cities. The motion passed unanimously.

(D) Appointment/Reappointment to SCAG Policy Committee(s)

It was agreed by consensus of the members to reappoint Member Malsin as the COG’s representative to the SCAG Community, Economic and Human Development Policy Committee; to reappoint Alternate Land to serve on the SCAG Energy and Environment Policy Committee; and to appoint Alternate O’Leary to serve on the SCAG Transportation and Communications Policy Committee.

(E) Adoption of Annual Budget and Determination of Dues to be Assessed Member Jurisdictions for the 2008-09 FY

Moved by Malsin, seconded by Heilman to approve and adopt the proposed Budget for FY 2008-09. A roll call vote was conducted with all delegates voting "Yes".

(F) Approval of Salary Augmentation and Maximum Travel Reimbursement for Metro Deputy for the 2008-09 FY

Moved by Heilman, seconded by Bloom to approve the recommended salary and travel augmentation for Metro Board Deputy, Claudette Moody for FY 2008-A roll call vote was conducted with all delegates voting "Yes".

(G) Authorization to Contract With the Firm of Mayer Hoffman and McCann to Perform an Independent Audit of Accounting and Administration of WSCCOG Funds as Required by the California Government Code Section 6505 For Fiscal Year 2007-08 Through Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Moved by Heilman, seconded by Bloom to authorize the Chair and Treasurer to execute the engagement contract with Mayer Hoffman and McCann, P.C., to perform the annual audit for fiscal years 2007-08 through 2011-12. A roll call vote was conducted with all delegates voting "Yes".

(H) Approval of 2008-09 WSCCOG Legislative Platform

Alternate McKeown requested the voting members modify the Platform as presented to insert "bicycle and" on line two of the Transportation section so that the text would read, "*Support and sponsor legislation that enhances the safety of city streets for vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic....*"

Moved by Heilman seconded by Bloom to adopt the Legislative Platform with the suggested addition. The motion passed unanimously.

(I) Potential Agenda Item: Request From Metro for the COG to Comment on Culver City's Request for Additional Projects to be Added to the LRTP List of "Unfunded Subregional Priorities" for the Westside

Removed from the Agenda – action not needed.

6. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

(A) April Meeting Notes, Report and Recommendations from the COG Homeless Issues Committee and Related Items

Committee Co-Chair Richard Bloom provided a brief overview of the April meeting of the Homeless Committee and referred the Members to Meeting Notes included with their agenda packet. Alternate Land commented on a meeting in West Hollywood to address the needs for permanent supportive housing. Reference was made to an effort underway with Gateway Cities COG. Delegate Rosendahl reported on efforts to re-use an old animal shelter, and a replaced Fire House for affordable housing and housing for the homeless respectively. Delegate Rosendahl also thanked Member Yaroslavsky for ensuring funding for two cold weather shelters and praised New Directions for their efforts. Chair Briskman noted that she had a contract with a private foundation that might be able to assist with shelter funding. Member Bloom provided an update regarding the SM Registry program. Flora Gil Krisiloff responded to questions regarding protecting the confidentiality of participants in the County's Project 50; commented on the

complications inherent in funding, tracking participants and advance planning for this winter's cold weather shelter program, LAHSA.

(B) MTA Southwest Cities Corridor and Westside Central Service Sector Report

Claudette Moody provided an update of Metro Board activities, the anticipated structure and comments from other sub-regions to be presented at the June 26th Metro Board meeting.

(C) April Meeting Notes Report and Recommendations from the COG Transportation Committee and Related Items

Committee Co-Chairs Briskman and Heilman provided a brief overview of the April meeting of the Transportation Committee and referred the Members to Meeting Notes included with their agenda packet

(D) Intergovernmental Relations

Report deferred to July meeting.

7. RECEIVE/ FILE AND PROVIDE DIRECTION RE: CORRESPONDENCE

- (A) DRAFT Letter Briskman/COG to Snoble RE LRTP Dated 4/16/08**
- (B) 4/15/08 Briskman/COG RE Upward Bound House (General Support Letter)**
- (C) 3/31/08 Briskman/COG RE Upward Bound House (Specific Grant Support)**
- (D) 4/30/08 Arevalo/City of West Hollywood to State Senator Torlakson Opposing SB1722**
- (E) 5/08/08 Malsin/City of Culver City to Roger Snoble RE 2008 LRTP**
- (F) 5/15/08 Rosendahl/City of LA to Prang RE WeHo's Opposition to SB1722**
- (G) Fact Sheet RE AB2766 prepared by SCAQMD**

The letters and documents were received and filed by consensus of the members. In addition discussion ensued in relation to the 5/16 letter to Roger Snoble, the 6/26 meeting of the Metro Board and the need to work with Mayor Villaraigosa regarding the pending sales tax measure, priority of the Expo project as well as the process and projects included in the LRTP in general. Councilman Rosendahl volunteered to set-up a meeting with Mayor Villaraigosa.

8. EVENT REMINDER AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following meeting dates were announced:

- A. June 5, 2008 WSCCOG Annual Issues Conference on Sustainability: Kirk Douglas Theater, Culver City, CA (8:30 AM -12:30 PM)
- B. June 26, 2008: Metro Board Consideration of Draft LRTP - presence of WSCCOG electeds and community representatives urged to attend

9. DISCUSSION RE CALENDARING OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Upcoming meeting dates were announced by the Executive Director. No agenda items other than the following were requested to be agendaized:

- A. Recommended activities/programs to advance the COG's work Program
- B. Follow-up from the June 5th Sustainability Summit
- C. Follow-up from the June 26th Metro Board meeting

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stan Myles, AQMB briefly addressed the Board requesting support for AB2766. He noted he would be in contact with the Executive Director and offered to make a presentation to the Board, City Managers or individual city staff. He distributed a Fact Sheet regarding the pending bill.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM. It was noted that the next meeting will be hosted by the City of Santa Monica and will take place on July 17, 2008.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Beverly Hills:** Council Member Linda J. Briskman. Staff: Katie Lichtig, Cheryl Friedling, Scott Miller, Aaron Kunz
- Culver City:** Council Member Scott Malsin. Staff: Jerry Fulwood, Shelly Wolfberg, Diana Chang, Bill LaPointe
- Santa Monica:** Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom, Council Member Kevin McKeown,
City of LA: Council Member Bill Rosendahl. Staff: John Wickham (CLA), Norman Kulla (CD11), Jay Greenstein (CD5)
- County of LA:** Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. Staff: Flora Gil Krisiloff, Vivian Rescalvo
- West Hollywood:** Council Member John Heilman, Council Member Abbe Land. Staff: Lisa Belsanti
- WSCCOG:** Jody Hall Esser (Executive Director)
Michael Jenkins, Counsel to the COG
- Other Attendees:** Laura Plotkin (State Senator Kuehl); Claudette Moody (Deputy to Metro Chair O'Connor); Jody Litvak (Metro), Stan Myles (AQMD)