

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CITIZENS ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE**

ROOM 372, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 625-3611, Ext. 64605

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 5, 1969

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Hall of Administration, Room 864

Robert Mitchell,
Chairman
Raymond Arbuthnot
Dr. John C. Bollens
Davis Brabant
Max Candiotty
Maurice Rene Chez
Dr. Warren S. Jones
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Harlan Loud
P. S. Magruder
Kiyoshi Maruyama
Irvin Mazzei
Maurice McAlister
Ferdinand Mendenhall
Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith
William Torrence
Gus A. Walker
Burke Roche,
Executive Secretary

Members Present:

Robert Mitchell, Chairman
Raymond Arbuthnot
Max Candiotty
Maurice Rene Chez
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Harlan Loud
P. S. Magruder
Irvin Mazzei
Ferdinand Mendenhall
George Shellenberger
William Torrence
Gus A. Walker

Members Absent:

Dr. John C. Bollens
Davis Brabant
Dr. Warren S. Jones
Kiyoshi Maruyama
Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith
Louis Rogers

Others Present:

John Larson, Special Assistant,
County Counsel

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Mr. Mitchell. He introduced Mr. L. E. McKee, Foreman of the 1968 Grand Jury, who was appointed to the committee by Supervisor Chace.

Mr. Louis Rogers, appointed to the committee by Supervisor Hahn, was out of town and unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Rogers is Chairman of the Board of Hydrovalic Servo Labs in Lawndale and owner of Louis Rogers Investments in Santa Monica.

The next order of business was presentation of the Architectural Studies Report for the committee's consideration. Mr. Brabant, Chairman of the sub-committee on the Architectural Report, was unable to attend because of a last minute notice to appear in court. Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Roche to present the report for him.

Mr. Roche stated that Mr. Brabant and he had participated in a good many interviews in order to collect information for the study. All members of the committee had been mailed a copy. Their suggestions and changes had been incorporated in the final report; Mr. Brabant had reviewed the final report and approved all changes, and through Mr. Roche, he was submitting it to the committee for their approval. Members were given copies of the final draft.

Mr. Mazzei asked that the changes be pointed out so that the members could compare them with the report they had received in the mail. Mr. Roche pointed out the changes, the reason for such changes, and the member who requested the change.

Mr. Candiotty raised several questions pertaining to the use of internal architectural staff versus outside architects. He asked what was the largest project currently assigned to the County Engineer and the smallest project currently assigned to an outside architect.

Mr. Roche reported that the largest project assigned to the County Engineer is the Verling-Kersey Boys' Camp at a construction cost of \$1,240,000. The smallest job assigned to an outside architect is fire station 99 in Malibu at a construction cost of \$123,000.

Mr. Roche explained that the County must remain reasonably flexible in assigning a project either inside or outside. A small project, for example, may need to be assigned outside because the County Engineer would not be able to meet the required schedule. This is the case with fire stations built with consolidated fire districts' funds. Once the decision is made to build the station, Chief Klinger is under heavy pressure to get it built as quickly as possible.

Mr. Candiotty then raised the question whether a limit should be set on the number of terms the members of the Architectural Evaluation Board should be allowed to serve.

After discussion, the committee concluded that the members should be limited to three successive terms, or six years. Mr. Candiotty made the motion to incorporate this recommendation in the committee report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arbuthnot and approved unanimously by the committee.

Mr. Chez asked if it would be within reason to ask members of the AIA to serve on the board since they would be prohibited from doing work for the County during their term of office and one year thereafter.

Mr. Roche assured him that the AIA said there would be no problem. There are many architects in the AIA who are not interested in doing work for the County. The AIA also assured him that they would appoint two members who were interested in developing a system in the County which would work.

Mr. Mazzei moved the report be accepted as amended, seconded by Mr. Candiotty. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chez made a motion that the committee give a vote of thanks to Mr. Brabant and Mr. Roche for the work on this report. The motion was seconded and approved.

The committee then discussed the date for presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Mitchell stated that it would probably be about three weeks. Mr. Roche reported that the AIA had requested time to study the report and review it with its Board of Directors. Mr. Carl Maston, 1968 President, and Mr. Robert Bolling, 1969 President of the AIA would like to appear before the Board of Supervisors when the committee makes its presentation.

Mr. Mitchell then called a recess at 10:20 a.m. to answer questions by the press on the Architectural report. He reconvened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Roche reported on the status of the Sheriff-Marshall consolidation. Mr. Roche reported that he had been invited to speak at a meeting of the Government Affairs Committee of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce. The committee was interested in promoting a campaign in Orange County to consolidate the operations of five marshals under the Sheriff. In Orange County each Municipal Court District has a separate marshal.

Mr. Roche reported that the Assembly and Senate delegation of San Bernardino County, with the support of the Board of Supervisors, plans to introduce a consolidation bill for San Bernardino County. An interesting development in the San Bernardino County is that the Marshal agrees with the plan of consolidation and plans to testify before the Assembly and Senate committees in support of it. Ventura, San Diego and Los Angeles Counties had generally agreed not to submit a bill for their counties and to let San Bernardino County carry the lead since it seemed to have the best chance of success. However, Assemblyman Peter Schabarum has introduced a new bill for Los Angeles County, Assembly Bill 626, to consolidate the Marshal under the Sheriff. He did not discuss his action with Sheriff Pitchess, F. M. McLaughlin, Legislative Representative, or the Economy and Efficiency Committee.

It was decided that Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Roche should contact Mr. Schabarum and Mr. McLaughlin to get the latest information on the status of the bill.

The committee then briefly discussed the progress of the fire services consolidation study. Mr. Arbuthnot, Chairman of the sub-committee, had been excused during the recess for a meeting with Chief Klinger. The next action will be a meeting of the sub-committee consisting of Mr. Arbuthnot, Mr. Torrence and Mr. Loud with Chief Klinger and his staff to review the material that the staff is preparing.

Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Roche to report on the CAO study of the consolidation of lifeguard services. Mr. Roche reported that the study had been initiated by a Board order in July, 1968. The Board asked the CAO to study the feasibility of one unified lifeguard service from Malibu to Long Beach and to get recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Citizens Economy and Efficiency Committee.

At the committee meeting on July 31, 1968, John Leach, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, presented a background report on the problem. The committee at that time agreed that the CAO would conduct the initial study then review his findings and conclusions with the Economy and Efficiency Committee before presentation to the board.

A few days before the February 25, 1969, meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Chace asked the CAO to bring in its report. The CAO presented his report but did not have time to review it with the Parks and Recreation Commission or the Economy and Efficiency Committee.

Supervisor Chace criticized the CAO's report, particularly for its recommendation to discontinue the \$100,000 allocation to the three cities. The board concluded that this question should be delayed for consideration until the time of the 1969-70 budget review. On Supervisor Chace's motion the board also established a new Department of Beaches which would include County life-guard services and those positions presently under the Department of Parks and Recreation being used for beach maintenance.

Mr. Mitchell asked if the Board of Supervisors still wanted the committee to study this consolidation. Mr. Roche answered that the board had not made such a request.

Mr. Mitchell reported that Supervisor Hahn had been very upset about the travel expenses of department heads and had made a motion at the board meeting of December 10, 1968, asking the committee to study the subject. Mr. Mitchell has advised him that the committee had other commitments which it felt were more important, and that such a study should be conducted by the CAO. Supervisor Hahn agreed. The committee approved this action.

No date was set for the next full committee meeting. It was agreed, that if necessary, the committee would meet before presentation of the Architectural Services Report to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.