
Economy & Efficiency Commission

Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

JULY 11, 1990

ROOM 839, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Editorial Note: The following minutes were taken from the tape of this meeting. Unfortunately, the tape does not normally identify the speaker and subsequently, with the exception of the Chairman, it is often not possible to identify individuals by name. Where individuals were identified we have done so

I. CALL TO ORDER

With the presence of a quorum, Chairman Peever called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m..

II. INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Peever asked those present to introduce themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 1990 MINUTES

Chairman Peever asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the June 6, 1990 Commission meeting. The following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the June 6, 1990 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 1990 PRESENTATION

Chairman Peever asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the June 6, 1990 Commission meeting. Being none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the June 6, 1990 Commission meeting be approved.

V. PRESENTATION

Mr. Efrem Zimbalist III
Commissioner

Los Angeles County Economy and Efficiency Commission
Topic: Task Force Results of Executive Structure in the County

Commissioner Zimbalist opened with a discussion detailing an intensive study the Commission Task Force conducted regarding efficient departmental structure for the present and a long term plan. Interviews with internal department

heads and appropriate subordinates yielded the recommendations of the County needs to have a strong appointed County Manager to accomplish critical tasks. The manager would take direction from the Board of Supervisors and interface with the department heads for effective delegation.

Commissioner Zimbalist emphasized the need to excerpt greater influence in Sacramento and Washington over the usage of how outside funds are allocated, increase County sources and revenue in order to reduce vulnerability to economic downturns. Commissioner Zimbalist stated that the County needs to focus on asset management, licenses, permits and fees. In addition, the need to develop a long range strategic plan for the region is an urgent matter. The report specified the necessity of an information system that sets targets and tracks performance. This system should compare last year, budgets and competition from other county's and cities.

The Commissioners decided to reconvene on the following Monday after a review of the presentation for a vote of adoption by the Commission. Upon approval this report will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors to meet a July 31st deadline.

VI. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Chairman Peever asked a commissioner if there were any new actions to report. The commissioner stated that no new developments surfaced from Task Force Projects. The commissioner added that the Board of Supervisors reversed the Commission's recommendation to create an Internal Services Department, including data processing, purchasing and facilities. The Board of Supervisors separated the data processing unit into a new department, which unconsolidated the ISD endeavor. The commissioner asked for a comment on the reasoning for this action by the Board of Supervisors. The commissioner replied that the lack of a Director appointment caused the Board to be disenchanted with the leaderless performance which led to the verdict.

Parks and Recreation

The commissioner said the Natural History Museum pulled its request for a consolidation with the Arboreta Department. The Board of Supervisors asked the Task Force to cease and desist in the study for the proposed consolidation of the departments and assist in the search for a new Arboreta department head. The task Force will comply with the request, but will still meet with support groups of the Arboreta to share the information collected on similar institutions around the country. The commissioner plans for an informal discussion of the long range possibilities for financing those departments and County features.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Peever adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.



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