
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1998
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners being present Chairman Abel called the Commission meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

David A. Abel
Fred Balderrama
Richard D. Barger
Ben Breslauer
Gunther Buerk
John Crowley
David W. Farrar
Jonathan Fuhrman
Michael Jimenez
Chun Lee
Tony Lucente
Carole Ojeda-Kimbrough
Robert Philiposian
H. Randall Stoke
Julia E. Sylva
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Hope J. Boonshaft
Roman Padilla
William J. Petak
Marc A. Seidner

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Chris Hammond

It was Moved, Seconded and Adopted: The Commission members noted above be excused.

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Correction to October minutes (last line of Section I) two words were corrected: 'form' to 'from' and 'line' to 'time.'

It was Moved, Seconded and Adopted: The minutes of the October 1, 1998 Commission Meeting be approved as corrected.

Chairman Abel notified the Commission that prior meeting minutes are available on the web site, as well as presentations.

IV. INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Farrar made a public service announcement regarding an organization called "L.A. Vets" which is an organization which facilitates the development of residential facilities for homeless veterans. It has been used as a model across the country. The last budget passed by the Congress allocated \$100 million to spend across the nation to help house homeless veterans. There are approximately 25,000 homeless veterans in L.A. County, one-third of which are Vietnam veterans--98% of which are drug addicts.

On the upcoming Veteran's Day (Nov 11, 1998), there will be a movie preview screening at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Science of "Return With Honor." The movie is very emotional and a contender for an Academy Award for Best Documentary. It's \$100 per seat for whoever is interested.

V. OLD BUSINESS

5. Real Asset Management Project (Commissioner Farrar)

Commissioner Farrar reported that last month the Real Asset Committee has gained a consensus with the Chief Administrative Office on a way to move the real asset plan forward. The real issue seems to be not what to do nor how to do it, but rather, who should be doing it. The issue seems like it may always end up at the bottom of someone's in-basket. The focus should be on who within county government should accept the accountability for this function.

Chairman Abel noted that a significant amount of time has been spent by this Commission, and other Commissions, making recommendations on this topic with substantial frustration on what is being done on this area.

The County has prepared a draft of a board letter "County Strategic Real Estate Asset Management Plan" for Executive Committee input. Commissioner Hill explained that the changes in this document that were mentioned at the last meeting are now incorporated, but it still does not address the main concerns, and that is: who is to accomplish this, time frames, and oversight. Today's presentation by Ms. Yonashiro is important and timely so that the Commission can be made aware of the most current information. With this information the Commission can decide whether the appropriate areas are being addressed.

Chairman Abel asked Commissioner Lucente what was at stake in the process. Commissioner Lucente responded that two items were being addressed:

1. day-to-day management of county operations which involves identifying real assets, e.g. land, buildings, etc.
2. how to manage those assets, e.g. leases, maintenance, etc.

Commissioner Stoke asked what the Commission was in a position to do on these issues. Since the presenter had arrived, Chairman Abel delayed the discussion of this question.

VI. PRESENTATION (a) -

[Mr. Keith Comrie, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Los Angeles.](#)
[Topic: The Status of Los Angeles City Government](#)

IV. INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Commissioner Ojeda-Kimbrough made the announcement that on Saturday, November 7, 1998, the Charter Reform Commission will have a hearing at the Convention Center and Councilwoman Jackie Goldberg will be there to speak.

VI. PRESENTATION (b) -

[Ms. Sharon Yonashiro, Assistant Administrative Officer, County of Los Angeles](#)
[Topic: The County's Asset Management Program](#)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion from the floor, Chairman Abel adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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