
Economy & Efficiency Commission

Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abel called the meeting to order at 10:15.A.M.

II. ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

David A. Abel
Richard D. Barger
Fred Balderrama
Benjamin F. Breslauer
Gunther Buerk
John Crowley
David W. Farrar
Jonathan Fuhrman
Chun Lee
Tony Lucente
Carole Ojeda-Kimbrough
Roman Padilla
Randall H. Stoke
Julia E. Sylva
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

Christopher W. Hammond
Michael A. Jimenez
William J. Petak
Robert Philiposian

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Marc A. Seidner

Moved, Seconded and Approved: The Commission members noted above be excused.

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Moved, Seconded and Approved: The minutes of the January 7, 1997 Commission Meeting be approved as submitted.

IV. INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Debt Collection Project

In Task Force Chair Jimenez's absence, Chairman Abel reported that he and Commissioner Jimenez went before the Board of Supervisors yesterday to request additional funds for the Debt Collection project. The Board voted unanimously to give the Commission an additional \$100,000 to complete the study within 90 days.

2. Constitutional Revision Commission

Commissioner Abel asked Mr. Staniforth to report on his meetings with Mr. Janssen's office. Commissioner Crowley stated that the task force has not been involved in these meetings. Chairperson Abel stated that the task force will be having a meeting soon and the meetings with the CAO's office have been staff meetings with Mr. Janssen, Mr. Jim Smyth, the CAO staff person, and Mr. Staniforth. Mr. Staniforth reported that a draft report, which examines ways to change revenue structures, was sent to Mr. Janssen and Chairman Abel for approval. They approved the draft and this draft was distributed to the task force for their review. The next steps are to: 1) finalize the draft report, 2) examine restructuring options available within the county, and 3) examine changes in discretionary income from the early 1960's-1970's to 1990's.

Chairperson Abel directed the staff to schedule a meeting for the task force.

Commissioner Crowley stated that he is troubled that the draft report did not include a mention of financing for a Home Rule Charter Commission which was a part of the original recommendations.

On a related matter, Chairman Abel stated that, Assemblyman Hertzberg is introducing a bill into the legislature to "pick up" on the agenda on each metropolitan or county area that has a Charter Commission. Also, the Metropolitan Forum Project has the approval of the joint local government committees of the State Assembly and Senate to hold a Field Hearing in Los Angeles on Friday, March 27th on the issue of state/local government relationships.

3. Web Page Development

Commissioner Lucente showed a copy of the Commission's proposed logo designed by Bear Advertising in conjunction with the redesign of the Commission's web page. He stated that the focus of the redesign is on improving navigation through the site, particularly in the publications section. He expects the site to be completed within the next few weeks. He stated that he would like to have representatives from Bear to address the Commission at its next regular meeting.

Commissioner Fuhrman asked if the Commission was following the web site design standards of the CIO. Mr. Staniforth stated that the CIO's standards have not been finalized and he has kept them abreast of EEC's web site redesign process. He stated that he will brief the CIO's office once the web site is completed. Mr. Jeff Kauzlaric from Bear has designed many sites for the County and is familiar with the County's policies.

Commissioners Breslauer and Tortorice suggested including a listing under publications that includes most recent reports.

4. Real Asset Management

Task Force Chairman Farrar reported that Real Asset Management project of the county spurred by the EEC's 1995 report is still a priority with the CAO and Board of Supervisors. Jurisdictional issues have arisen with other commissions that were not included in the Real Estate Asset Oversight Task Force. He stated that he believes the issues will be worked out and the commissions in question will realize that the Real Estate Asset Oversight Task Force and EEC are interested in cost savings only and are open to the valuable input from other commissions. Task Force Chairman Farrar suggested that the name of the task force, "Oversight", creates an unpleasant atmosphere and should possibly be changed to Real Estate Asset Coordination Task Force.

VI. PRESENTATION -

[Larry Calemine, Executive Officer of LAFCO.](#)

[Topic: Secession Movement within the City of Los Angeles](#)

[Mr. Will Stewart, Assistant Director, Dept. of Social Services.](#)

[Topic: Current Status of Welfare Reform.](#)

Chairman Abel asked Mr. Staniforth to comment on an item that was not on the agenda regarding the Little Hoover Commission. Mr. Staniforth stated that the Little Hoover Commission contacted the EEC to see if the Commission was interested in having a representative on an Education Advisory Committee called, "No Room for Johnny: A New Approach to the School Facilities Crisis." This committee will examine the funding, design, and construction process for new schools. Interested commissioners should contact Chairman Abel.

Commissioner Crowley stated that the initiative of the Little Hoover Commission is a good example for the EEC in getting outside participation.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion from the floor, Chairman Abel adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



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Executive Director

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