

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

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MINUTES

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

September 3, 1980

Susan Berk
John D. Byork
Margaret Paterson Carr
Anne S. Collins
Dr. Mario Di Giovanni
Milton G. Gordon
Mary Jane Kidd
Thomas F. Kranz
Dr. Richard G. Lillard
Abraham M. Lurie
Robert Ruchti, II
Dr. Warren H. Schmidt
Wally Thor
Bryan Walker

Commission Staff
John Campbell
Martha Ohanesian

Members Present:

George Bodle
John Byork
Anne Collins
Mario Di Giovanni
Carolyn Ellner
Tom Kranz
Richard Lillard
Abe Lurie
Larry Neri
Robert Ruchti
Wally Thor
Peter Tweedt
Bryan Walker
Connie Worden

Members Excused:

Susan Berk
Margaret Carr
Milton Gordon
Mary Jane Kidd
Gloria Starr
Curtis Ventriss

George Bodle called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

On motion by Bryan Walker, seconded by Peter Tweedt, the commission unanimously excused the following absences: Susan Berk, Margaret Carr, Milton Gordon, Mary Jane Kidd, Gloria Starr and Curtis Ventriss.

The minutes for June and July were approved as submitted.

Introduction

George introduced our new commissioner, Connie Worden. Connie is employed by Hydraulic Research Textron, working in public affairs and legislation. She is active in community affairs.

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee recommends that the commission work on community relations, contracting and incentives/disincentives be considered top priority. They also recommend that financial support be developed to enable the Task Force on Executive Organization to further study this issue, with the intent of determining whether change should be recommended to the public for the 1982 elections.

The Independent Cities Association and the Chamber of Commerce in Monrovia have requested speakers on the subject of Government Structure. Curtis Ventriss, as chairman of the task force, will be speaking to these groups in early November.

The chairman raised the question - should the commission confine itself only to Board requests or should the commission also act on its own initiative? According to the ordinance, the commission's task is to undertake studies requested by the Board of Supervisors or on its own initiative, with first priority on Board requests. The chairman asked the commissioners to consider and suggest areas of interest for commission action.

Discussion followed on the question of commission effectiveness. Commissioners raised the following points:

- A. Direct contact with Supervisors by their appointees is essential to bring our work to their attention and effect action on our recommendations.
- B. Commission staff should concentrate on day to day communications with County staff, including Supervisors' deputies.
- C. Positive communication with press and media should be emphasized to increase the public's awareness of our activities.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Incentives/Disincentives

John Campbell reported that the task force has issued recommendations on the Civil Service Commission and the civil service rules. The hearing on the civil service rules has been deferred until November 18.

On the subject of incentives, the commission has been in touch with the Business Roundtable's Executive Loan Program to ask for their assistance in the implementation of new County incentive systems based on private sector experience.

Alex Pope, the County Assessor, has asked our commission to look into the personnel administration and incentives system in his department. John Campbell has been working with Grace Grant and Catie Burke to develop some proposals to request financing from several foundations.

Contracting

Larry Neri reported that the Task Force on Contracting is working jointly with the Contract Services Advisory Committee on simplifying the ordinance governing contracting.

Executive Organization

Mario DiGiovanni would like to survey the thinking of various people in government, especially the Supervisors, to determine whether we should be working toward a ballot measure in 1982.

Government Structure

John Campbell reported that there has essentially been no progress in this area, but that there is still a great deal of interest in the community to promote the E&E Commission's recommendations in the report Challenge for the 80's.

Connie Worden informed the commissioners that northern Los Angeles County is now looking into incorporation and the creation of a planning council.

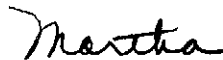
Tom Kranz reported that in the coming reapportionment, Los Angeles County will more than likely lose several legislative seats to our neighboring counties. This will be an important consideration in our work on government structure. George Bodle suggested sending an article to the Times on reapportionment and Los Angeles County.

Community Relations

Carolyn Ellner expressed that dealing with the press, and thereby informing the public, is very important to the task of this commission.

Connie Worden was asked to join the Community Relations Task Force.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.



Martha Ohanesian