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Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, May 1, 2003
ROOM 140, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Editorial Note: Agenda sections may be taken out of order at the discretion of the chair. Any reordering of sections is reflected in the presentation of these minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER OF COMMISSION MEETING

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred Balderrama
Annie E. Cho
Jonathan Fuhrman
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
John L. Lewis
Tony Lucente
Roman Padilla
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Hope J. Boonshaft
John Crowley
Royal F. Oakes
Julia Sylva

G. Thomas Thompson
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Joanne Baltierrez

It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Commission members requesting an excuse, be excused.

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 3, 2003 MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the April 3, 2003 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF APRIL 3, 2003 PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the April 3, 2003 Commission meeting be approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no introductions or announcements.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian reported that he had met with a sub-committee of the League of Woman Voters that was looking into the structure of local government. He discussed various issues such as whether there should be an elected county manager.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth reported that in response to a request by Supervisor Antonovich the Commission had investigated the status of the lighting in the Hall of Records. This investigation validated a constituent concern that the lights in this building were being left on all night. The appropriate individuals were contacted and the situation has been reported to have been resolved. This resolution has been reported to both Supervisor Antonovich and the constituent in a letter from the Commission.

In addition to resolving the lighting concerns a number of additional issues involving safety issues, such as the lack of emergency lighting and missing fire doors were detected. The Fire Department was notified and appropriate action was taken.

Commissioner Hill noted that the Quality and Productivity Commission had developed an Energy Savings Program to help the County in saving money in energy costs.

Mr. Staniforth announced that Commissioner Barcelona had been appointed as the Chief Executive Office of the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Hill commenting on the current interview process for the new secretary felt that the use of a 90 day temporary for the office was not an efficient utilization of resources. The office requires a person with extensive office management and computer operations skills. Chairman Philibosian requested Commissioners Lewis and Hill to look into the situation involving the Assistant position.

X. PRESENTATION (a)

With the arrival of Mr. Wisniewski, Chairman Philibosian suggested hearing his presentation prior to considering the remainder of the Commission's business.

[Stan Wisniewski, Director](#)
[Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors](#)
[Topic: The Operations of the Department of Beaches and Harbors](#)

Mr. Wisniewski's presentation provided his insight into the current status of the department including the department's budget, responsibilities, capital projects and the Marina Del Rey Park Area Enhancement Plan.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

No liaison was present to make a presentation

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Hill the Commission continues its site visits on a two year cycle. They are heavily involved in performance measurement and the County Strategic Plan. The Commission now has Network Certification Training with 24 individuals attending the program. The Commission's annual luncheon is currently scheduled for October. The Survival Awareness Program is also continuing. The Commission's Annual Report will be available soon for distribution.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Emancipation Services Task Force

Commissioner Thompson was sick, so no report was given.

Grand Jury

Commissioner Lewis distributed two handouts the first of which presents a Suggested Training Outline for the Civil Grand Jury. This outline was adopted by the Superior Court for the training of the Civil Grand Jury members. The second handout is the responses to the 2001-02 Civil Grand Jury Report. This document tabulated the responses of the 150 recommendations, indicating who responded and who did not respond.

Commissioner Padilla asked about the leverage the Grand Jury has to require responses. Commissioner Lewis responded that the current Grand Jury has no responsibility to follow-up on the recommendations of the previous Grand Jury. The 2000-01 Grand Jury did send letters to those not responding to the previous Grand Jury, but there is no requirement to do so. Commissioner Fuhman suggested that the Chair be used to advise the Grand Jury. Chairman Philibosian suggested that perhaps a panel composed of the Chief Administrative Office, the Supervisor's Offices and the League of Cities could be used in the training.

Organization & Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oakes was not present, so no report was given.

Economic Development

Commissioner Sylva was not present, so no report was given.

Sheriff's Transportation Task Force

Commissioner Anderson commented that at the last task force meeting a meeting with the Sheriff's Department was scheduled for May 16th. Efforts will be made to find costs the cost for the Sheriff's transportation.

Asset Management

Commissioner Lucente stated that the task force is still being formulated.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. No members of the public commented.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 11:50

Respectfully Submitted.



Bruce J. Staniforth
Executive Director

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