

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**  
**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES**

**FULL COMMISSION MEETING**

June 4, 1980

Members Present:

Susan Berk  
George Bodle  
John Byork  
Anne Collins  
Mario DiGiovanni  
Carolyn Ellner  
Milton Gordon  
Tom Kranz  
Richard Lillard  
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Larry Neri  
Robert Ruchti  
Gloria Starr  
Wally Thor  
Peter Tweedt  
Curtis Ventriss  
Bryan Walker  
Warren Schmidt

Members Excused:

Margaret Carr  
Mary Jane Kidd

Guests:

Brian Connolly  
Grace Grant  
Betty Sandford

George Bodle called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. The May 7 minutes were corrected by Abe Lurie to read "to 10%" rather than "by 10%" (last paragraph, page 2). Minutes approved as corrected.

On motion by Carolyn Ellner, seconded by Gloria Starr, the commission unanimously excused the following absences: Margaret Carr and Mary Jane Kidd.

Announcement

The Regional Planning Commission sent the E&E Commission a letter asking for our recommendations regarding its request to the Board of Supervisors for independent staff. Its present staff works for the Director of Regional Planning. In 1974 the E&E Commission recommended that the Regional Planning Director be appointed by the Board of Supervisors rather than by the Regional Planning Commission.

John Campbell recommended sending a letter to the Regional Planning Commission explaining that the E&E Commission does not have the time or resources to study the issue. The commission decided instead to form a committee to meet with Carolyn Llewellyn, representing the Regional Planning Commission. Milton Gordon will chair this committee with Susan Berk, Mary Jane Kidd, Dick Lillard and Curtis Ventriss as committee members.

TASK FORCE PROGRESS REPORTS

Civil Service Commission & Incentives

Susan Berk reported that the task force has conducted further interviews on the civil service matter. The Board of Supervisors postponed holding public hearings on the proposed civil service rules from May 27 until July 22. The unions filed unfair labor practice charges against the County. The Employee Relations Commission has referred this to mediation. One of the reasons for the postponement was to allow the Economy and Efficiency Commission to complete their findings.

The task force continues to pursue a project using technical developments by Elliott Jaques and has been working with County managers to develop it. The task force is seeking finances to support this project.

The task force has contacted the State and Federal governments to inquire about their "whistle blower" hot lines and is still gathering information.

Contracting with Private Firms

Larry Neri reported that our commission is working closely with the Contract Services Advisory Committee. Larry shared with the commissioners the report to the Advisory Committee by Joe Halper, Chief Deputy of the Parks and Recreation Department, regarding his department's efforts in contracting and the savings realized.

Warren Schmidt related that on the Federal level under their new executive system, a department manager can be eligible for a bonus if his/her department becomes more effective. When Warren moves to Washington, D. C., he will keep in touch with our commission and inform us of what is happening at the Federal level. Warren also suggested that our commission think about the possibility of giving a public recognition award to the most efficient department or person.

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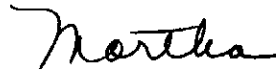
A draft copy of a letter to the Board of Supervisors responding to their request that the E&E Commission review the County's ordinance implementing contracting under Proposition A and recommend methods of streamlining it, was discussed. On motion by Larry Neri, seconded by Carolyn Ellner, the commission unanimously voted to forward the letter to the Board of Supervisors.

Proposition 9

George Bodle contacted the L.A. Times and they have indicated no interest. The letter is not ready as yet and when it is, it will be distributed.

The next commission meeting will be on Wednesday, July 16 because of the holiday during the first week in July and because the Civil Service and Incentives Task Force needs more time to prepare its report and have commission approval for the July 22 Board of Supervisors public hearing.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Martha Ohanesian