
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

OCTOBER 3, 1990
ROOM 839, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Editorial Note: The following minutes were taken from the tape of this meeting. Unfortunately, the tape does not normally identify the speaker and subsequently, with the exception of the Chairman, it is often not possible to identify individuals by name. Where individuals were identified we have done so

I. CALL TO ORDER

With the presence of a quorum, Chairman Peever called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Peever asked for a motion to approve absences. It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The members requesting an excuse are excused.

III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1990 MINUTES

Chairman Peever asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the September 12, 1990 Commission meeting. The following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the September 12, 1990 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. PRESENTATION

Mr. John Sanavrier
Chief Deputy, Department of Regional Planning
Los Angeles County
Topic: Los Angeles County General Planning Process

Mr. Sanavrier opened with a discussion on the General Plan process. He detailed the addition of new computer systems which will aide his department and the public as an informational hub. Mr. Sanavrier also spoke of the future challenges of issues ranging from real estate to air quality.

V. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1990 PRESENTATION

Chairman Peever asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the September 12, 1990

Commission meeting. Being none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the September 12, 1990 Commission meeting be approved.

VI. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Securities Systems

Commissioner Peever stated as of October 3rd the latest update of the draft report is in line with what was reviewed during the last Commission meeting. The new draft expands upon the previous document and draws conclusions which summarize the direction the Commission would like the Board of Supervisors to take and outlined the advantages in doing so. The budget for the Securities Systems Management team staff of three people is estimated at \$300,000; one manager, one analyst and one administrative person. The savings and efficiency would more than compensate for the expenditure this staff will generate at years end.

This new team will provide a safe environment to County workers and visitors, a reduction in the liability for claims of theft, and more efficient use of the current security personnel among departments. There will also be a cost savings from coordinating the purchase of equipment and supplies and a reduction in the theft and pilfering that occurs within the County.

Immediately after the last meeting a stabbing took place in the Pasadena courthouse elevator involving two people. Two questions were posed: how did the individuals (the accused and the defendant) end up in the same elevator and why there were no metal detectors in that courthouse. If the funds were allocated to this courthouse the situation could have been avoided. The updated report will be circulated to the Board of Supervisors along with letters of support from the Sheriff's Department and from other departments.

A commissioner said this project has a good chance of going thru the Board of Supervisors and concluding in implementation. The Commission needs to get acceptance of the recommendations from the various departments and implementation of the recommendations, rather than the "receive and file" response that existed in the past.

A commissioner asked if the recommendation to place the security function under the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) is supported by Richard Dixon (The Chief Administrative Officer). If he supported it that would be the surest way to get the proposal implemented. A commissioner stated there has yet to be a direct response.

Cultural Recreation Departments

A commissioner stated the task force was looking at the possible consolidation of the Natural History Museum. The trend is to gain private support for these cultural institutions. There is a large scale capital improvement program starting at the South Coast Botanic Garden that involves a great deal of private fund raising. It seems that the Commission needs to suggest some formalization of the public/private partnership since there is none at the moment. She said they have talked with the Richard Dixon's Chief Deputy regarding the usefulness of the County setting up a system for private/public partnership where the governance and financing is shared in a formal manner. Support's been secured from Mr. Dixon and an effort to meet with Richard Grant, the head of the support group, in order to work together down the line.

Asset Management

A commissioner said a meeting was setup with several County officials in this area, but it was postponed due to schedule conflicts. The task force is surveying both surrounding counties and the state to get a feel for what they are doing in the asset management area. There is activity some of the other counties which are not as developed as Los Angeles County. In October the task force is planning to survey the County to establish a measure of what the task force can accomplish.

A commissioner asked who was responsible for the Civic Center and the criminal courts building, the city or county. A commissioner replied the buildings mentioned are owned and operated by the County government. A commissioner said there are many buildings and considerable real estate under County control that are not utilized very efficiently.

A commissioner said he received a note from the CAO stating his opposition to establishing a leadership function or responsibility for asset development in the County. The CAO felt that it would be a waste of time. A commissioner said the issue does not directly address what asset management/development is, but where the leadership and responsibility should lie within the County. A commissioner asked what the CAO intends to do in place of this proposal. A commissioner replied to maintain the status quo which is part of the decentralization question.

A commissioner stated that in December 1988 there was a Board issue for the functions of the CAO and Asset Management. The original recommendation was to establish an Asset Management/ Development unit within the

County structure. This would include the 16-17 most valuable properties. The recommendations were rejected with a lot of the opposition. The Board of Supervisors asked the Commission to return in January with a proposal as to how the Asset Management question could be resolved.

The various County departments are charged with real estate for their organization. A commissioner found from conversations with five of the department heads that they say there is no internal expertise existing in real estate development. A commissioner asked if there is enough political support to do this project or is it a waste of time. A commissioner said the political support would come in the form of projections from additional revenue produced.

Family and Children Services

The department is working on getting plans developed and working with the state. Regarding the Task Force's recommendations there is no change towards the status quo. The Blue Ribbon Committee formed by the Board of Supervisors is still active. A commissioner said the committee does not have a big chance at resolving the issue.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Peever adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.



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