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Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, June 3, 2004
ROOM 830, 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

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred Balderrama
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Hope J. Boonshaft
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
Tony Lucente
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Joanne Baltierrez
Annie E. Cho
Jonathan Fuhrman
William J. Petak

Ira Thierer
G. Thomas Thompson
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

None

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the May 6, 2004 Commission meeting. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the May 6, 2004 Commission meeting are approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the May 6, 2004 Commission meeting. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the May 6, 2004 Commission meeting is approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Sylva introduced Mr. Will Usugi, her new summer associate at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith. Mr. Usugi informed the Commission that he is in his third year at USC's School of Law, and is working with Commissioner Sylva on redevelopment projects.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian stated that he did not have a report at this time.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth stated that he did not have a report at this time.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

Commissioner Selditz informed the Commission that the Commission is currently working on three separate activities. One project identifies the need to overhaul the 911 filtering system for cell phones, for which they have held two meetings - one with the Sheriff's Department and the Highway Patrol, and the other with the LAPD. Another project is working with CalTrans in an effort to foster better neighborhood relations by putting in ramps, signs, etc. The third project involves refinement of the county GIS System. This system currently fails to inform the user which government or parochial institution owns the property, who occupies the space, how much space a property contains, or whether all or some of the space is currently available. There have been instances where the county has leased property in the private sector when vacant public-owned space has been available next door. They are discussing ways to solve these problems.

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Hill stated that the Leadership Conference was a success, with approximately 170 people being present. She thanked Chairman Philibosian for coming twice, and thanked Commissioners Sylva and Anderson for taking the time to come as well. Commissioner Hill emphasized the value of this event and encouraged the Commissioners to attend next year's Leadership Conference. Some changes have been made to the 2005 Conference, including condensing the program, having a speaker at lunch, and providing an opportunity for commissioners to network in the afternoon. Commissioner Hill gave a general overview of the Conference events, and then passed out a County Ambassador Kit to each commissioner. The kit has been created as a tool to empower advocacy within the County. Chairman Philibosian stated that he was impressed by the Conference and congratulated Commissioner Hill on her successful program. Commissioner Anderson noted that the Conference will be even stronger next year with the restructuring of the program events. Commissioner Sylva added that this year's Conference was very informative and well-done, and congratulated Commissioner Hill.

Commissioner Hill also distributed a new pamphlet on the Quality and Productivity Commission, which outlines their

recent activities and changes. One of these activities involved the tracking of each project that has been the recipient of the Quality and Productivity Investment Fund since 1985. The report will show the sustainability of every fund, the cost and cost-savings of every project, and the current status of each project. It will clearly document the work that has been done and the value that the Quality and Productivity Investment Fund has been to the County.

X. PRESENTATION (a)

Chairman Philibosian introduced Chief Margaret York and welcomed her to the meeting

Chief Margaret York
Office of Public Safety, Los Angeles County
Topic: The Role of the Office of Public Safety

Chief York's presentation focused on the history of the Office of Public Safety, and on its mission to protect the patrons and the employees of county properties.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Emancipation Services Task Force

Mr. Staniforth stated that there was no report.

Grand Jury

In response to Commissioner Balderrama's question concerning what would happen if one ignored one's jury summons, Commissioner Hill informed the Commission that now one will face fines. As of June, Los Angeles County will dedicate four courts solely to the cases of those who have ignored jury summons. If you do show up, and you agree to serve, the fine will probably be forgiven. If you do not show up, you will receive another summons by certified mail, and will be fined. The fines are significant – from \$250 to \$1,500. The Jury System in Los Angeles County requires 10,000 jurors per day.

Commissioner Hill mentioned that the Grand Jury needs to schedule a meeting next month to determine a new project, as they have addressed the issues with the Coroner's Office.

Organization & Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oakes informed the Commission that the draft of the report on Workers' Comp Fraud is being worked on. Currently input is being sought from other departments. Following this input, a final version will be circulated to all the Task Force and, subsequently, to Commission members. He noted that Mr. Staniforth has been spearheading this process, and has had meetings with the MTA, the District Attorney and the CAO's office, with more meetings to follow.

Economic Development Task Force

Commissioner Sylva stated that she had had a constructive meeting with the CAO's office, including Lari Sheehan and Martin Zimmerman, and Edna Bruce from the Office of Small Business, Community Development Commission. They are very eager to find a pilot project for this task force. Ms. Sheehan will schedule a meeting with Carlos Jackson, the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission, along with Lee Harrington of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation and Sam Olivito from Contract Cities Association. They will discuss what they can do to promote economic development, unrelated to re-development and contract services. She informed the Commission that they were all invited to the meeting, and that she would email them all once the date was determined.

Sheriff's Transportation Task Force

Commissioner Anderson informed the Commission that the task force is into their third draft. The revisions have occurred in part due to the Sheriff's lack of readily available data on the different types of prisoners that are being transported. They will have one more meeting at which they hope to get a ballpark figure, and then they will make their recommendations based on what information they have. Commissioner Anderson pointed out that it is difficult to make recommendations for a new system when they do not know the weaknesses of the old system.

Asset Management

Commissioner Hill reported that she had spoken with the new chair, Commissioner David Farrar, as well as several other members of the Task Force. They are eager to have a meeting; until then, she recommends that the Commission remain supportive, but on hold.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Philibosian requested that the Commission begin thinking about what they could do to help the Office of Public Safety in their efforts to improve their communications system. He recommended that Mr. Staniforth get in touch with Chief York's office to discuss ways in which the Commission could be of assistance. Chairman Philibosian asked the Commissioners to consider setting up and chairing a task force to deal with this issue.

Commissioner Hill volunteered to supply a status of the Quality and Productivity Commission's project related to this issue. She then turned the subject to the issue of the current debate over the County Seal, and handed out a brochure explaining the meaning of the different symbols found within the seal.

Chairman Philibosian noted that a presentation by Supervisor Knabe for next month's meeting is still pending.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is an 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 11:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted.



Bruce J. Staniforth
Executive Director

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