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SBCCOG BOARD MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2021

City	May - 21	Jun - 21	Jul - 21	Aug - 21	Sep - 21	Oct - 21	Nov - 21
Carson	Hicks	Hicks		Hicks		Hicks	
El Segundo	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	
Gardena	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Kaskanian	Tanaka	
Hawthorne	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Monteiro	
Hermosa Beach	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	
Inglewood	Butts	Butts	Butts	Butts			
Lawndale		Suarez	Suarez	Suarez	Suarez		
Lomita	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley		Gazeley	Gazeley	
Los Angeles			X	X	X	X	
Manhattan Beach	Stern		Stern	Franklin	Stern	Stern	
Palos Verdes Estates		Roos		Roos		Roos	
Rancho Palos Verdes	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank		Cruikshank	
Redondo Beach	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath Obagi	Horvath	Horvath Obagi	
Rolling Hills	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer		Dieringer	
Rolling Hills Estates	Zuckerman Huff	Zuckerman	Zuckerman Huff	Huff	Huff	Zuckerman Huff	
Torrance	Chen Furey	Chen	Chen	Chen	Furey	Chen	
County of Los Angeles-2nd District	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	Lopez	
County of Los Angeles- 4th District	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque		LaMarque		

Number of Active Agencies	17	17	16	16	16	16	16
Quorum Required (50% +1)	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Number of Agencies Attending	15	15	15	15	12	14	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

(RECORDING AVAILABLE ONLINE: [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=LHWZWN27ROK](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHWZWN27ROK))

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Boyles called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. VERIFY QUORUM

In attendance were the following voting elected officials:

Cedric Hicks, Carson

Drew Boyles, El Segundo

Rodney Tanaka, Gardena

Alexandre Monteiro, Hawthorne

Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach

Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale

Jim Gazeley, Lomita

Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach

Jim Roos, Palos Verdes Estates

John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes

Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach

Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills

Steve Zuckerman, Rolling Hills Estates

George Chen, Torrance

Sonia Lopez, LA County D-2

Jennifer LaMarque, LA County D-4

Other Elected Officials in attendance:

Bill Brand, Redondo Beach

Zein Obagi Jr., Redondo Beach

Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates

Also, in attendance were the following persons:

Sharon Byrne, United Nations Association of Santa Barbara

Alexander Fung, SGVCOG

JS, Resident

Therese Neustaedter, LWV

Ken Rukavina, Rancho Palos Verdes

McKenzie Bright, Rancho Palos Verdes

Lindsey Lastra, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Nancy Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

Mark Dierking, LA Metro

Stephen Sawyer, Charter Communications

Greg Farr, Caltrans

Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG

Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG

Steve Lantz, SBCCOG

David Leger, SBCCOG

Natalie Champion, SBCCOG

Colleen Farrell, SBCCOG

Chandler Sheilds, SBCCOG

Ronson Chu, SBCCOG

Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG

Wally Siembab, SBCCOG

III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

IV. BROWN ACT DECLARATION

Pursuant to AB 361, the Board of Directors finds that a statewide state of emergency remains in force and State and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing. Therefore, this meeting is being held virtually as meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. (*attachment*)

MOTION by Board Member Christian Horvath, seconded by Board Member John Cruikshank, to **APPROVE** the Brown Act Declaration. No objection. So ordered.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. September Board Meeting Minutes** (*attachments*) – **Approved**
- B. Extension of Temporary Adjustment to Vacation Cap and Accrual** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- C. Computer Purchase for Staff** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- D. Newsletter Design, Printing and Layout Contractor** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- E. Sub-Contractor contract for the MOEV/CEC project** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- F. Contract with Jon Rodman** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- G. Express Lane contract extension with Metro** (*attachment*) – **Approved**
- H. Legislative Matrix with bills of interest** (*attachment*) – **Received and filed**
- I. Dues and Assessment Outstanding – Received and filed**
 - 1. Partial assessment (\$1000): Rolling Hills
 - 2. No assessment: Lawndale
- J. Monthly Reports – Received and filed**
 - 1. South Bay Environmental Services Center Report (*attachment*)
 - 2. Transportation Report (*attachment*)
 - 3. City Attendance at SBCCOG meetings (*attachment*)
 - 4. Media Report (*attachment*)
 - 5. Reports from Outside Agencies (*attachments for each at end of the agenda*)
 - a. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeff Kiernan)
 - b. SCAG Regional Council (Drew Boyles, Mark Henderson, James Gazeley)
 - c. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)

MOTION by Board Member Britt Huff, seconded by Board Member James Gazeley, to **APPROVE** the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Statewide Initiative to Preserve Local Control of Zoning and Land Use

Mr. Brand shared that Sacramento has determined that cities are responsible for the housing shortage. A variety of housing bills have been brought to the state legislature over the last four years. An affordable housing component has been missing in these housing bills. “Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative” transfers zoning and land use authority back to local agencies (would supersede SB9 and SB10). Multiple proponents for the initiative include Mr. Brand. Cities can pass a resolution to support the initiative and visit StopSacramento.org for more information.

Questions

Board Member Steven Zuckerman: What are the plans for fundraising for the initiative?

Answer: Presenting at town halls and working with local organizations as well as hiring professional fundraisers and marketing/PR consultants. Not sure if cities can directly donate to the initiative. Money would be sent to signature gatherers.

Board Member Steven Zuckerman: Will it affect RHNA numbers? Answer: Yes.

Board Member John Cruikshank: Would there be a difference between protections for charter vs. general law cities with this initiative? Answer: No.

Board Member Britt Huff: How can non-homeowners be rallied to support this cause?

Answer: Not expecting much support from non-homeowners. Expecting affordable advocates to support the initiative.

Board Member Bea Dieringer: Would CEQA and other environmental laws be impacted by this initiative?

Answer: No. All applicable laws would still apply except for zoning and land use.

Presentation is linked here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/PRESENTATION_Our-Neighborhood-Voices-Initiatives-10.28.21.pdf.

B. Globalization of Housing

Ms. Byrne shared that working with local mayors is essential to addressing housing crisis. The largest homeless population exists in China. The housing crisis is reflective of a human rights issue via financialization of housing. The Anti-Eviction Project is mapping who (i.e. corporations) is buying homes

across the U.S. and around the world. Seoul, Korea has looked at converting hotels into studios to address the housing crisis. New Zealand has seen property value spikes during the pandemic, making housing unaffordable. Barcelona, Spain traced the housing deficit and property value issues to AirBnB, which led to the city fining the company for occupying empty flats/properties. California is just as susceptible to speculative forces driving the housing crisis as any other place in the world. Solutions include anti-displacement measures such as recognizing housing as a human right, limiting speculation from institutional investors, and using public lands for affordable housing.

Questions

Laurie Jacobs: What are the next steps that cities can take?

Answer: Mayors and city council members can explore legislation to curb short-term rentals impacts and consider vacancy taxes to make more existing housing available.

Wally Siembab: To what extent is the housing crisis an income problem?

Answer: Institutional investors started and continue to make the housing crisis an income issue.

Presentation is linked here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/PRESENTATION_Speculation-and-Displacement-Show.pdf.

C. Service Planning Area 8 Update

Ms. Lastra shared that COVID-19 vaccine boosters are available to those eligible through the County's criteria. She recommended to reach out to a local vaccine provider for guidance on getting the booster vaccine. SPA 8 staff is available to present to local communities about vaccine.

Ms. Lastra shared information about the environmental health issues regarding the Dominguez Channel odor event. They have reached out to 8,700 homes and over 200 businesses in the area about health-related issues and recommendations for stakeholders. A reimbursement program is available for impacted stakeholders.

Ms. Lastra shared information about the upcoming DPH flu clinics, urging stakeholders to get a flu shot. Inglewood Health Center is hosting an upcoming clinic on November 3, 2021.

Question:

Board Member Cedric Hicks – Regarding the Dominguez Channel odor event, residents have been told by the County that they cannot access funds made available from the City of Carson for hotels. Is that still the case via the County? Some residents do not have transportation to reach these hotels (as well as from these hotels to their places of work, etc.). Is there transportation available via the County that these residents can access?

Answer: Will follow up on both questions and provide answers to Board Member Cedric Hicks directly.

Presentation is linked here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/PRESENTATION_DPH-SPA8.10.28.21presentation.pdf.

IX. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

A. Metro Report

Mr. Lantz reported that Metro's Board met today. They reported that they are updating service (which has limited schedule offerings) for public transit and staffing operations to meet ridership demand (which is at 60% of pre-pandemic ridership). They addressed the I-710 Clean Truck program and seed funding (\$10 billion for electric trucks) that is planned. They have created a new Zero Emissions Infrastructure Working Group, which will look at a shared charging program. The Fairless Services Initiative has devolved into the Life Program, which targets to low-income riders. Regular fares will be reinstated on January 10, 2022.

B. Transportation Committee Report

Board Member Christian Horvath shared that SBCCOG staff is meeting with city staff on their current and proposed projects. Project applications are due on December 1, 2021. Measure R projects have been approved with funding agreements eligible for execution. A presentation was given about traffic signal project in Manhattan Beach (taking advantage to SBFN's bandwidth). Mr. Lantz also shared that traffic signal information can be shared with cars on the road, which would require fiber-optic network to support real-time data transmission between cars and traffic signal infrastructure.

X. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Homeless Services

Mr. Chu shared information about \$3.5 million worth of proposals for Innovation Funds spending that were received from cities for \$1.9 million that will be allocated. 10 projects were recommended by the Review Panel, which are listed in detail here: https://southbaycities.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/18_10.21-Innovation-Funds-project-recommendation.pdf.

MOTION by Board Member Cedric Hicks, seconded by Board Member Christian Horvath, to **APPROVE** Innovation Funds project proposals spending. No objection. So ordered.

Board Member Christian Horvath shared information about the County Blue Ribbon Commission, which provides feedback on LAHSA. He recommended that anyone who has thoughts or concerns about LAHSA and homeless issues should share them with Board Member Christian Horvath or Mr. Chu.

1. Strategic Plan and Work Program for 21-22 (attachment)

Ms. Bacharach shared that key issues were vetted in focus groups and asked that the Board review this document for any questions that arise. After review, approval was requested.

MOTION by Board Member Christian Horvath, seconded by Board Member Stacey Armato, to **APPROVE** Strategic Plan and Work Program for FY 2021 - 2022. No objection. So ordered.

2. New SBCCOG Website – walk through

Ms. Farrell gave the Board a virtual tour of SBCCOG's new website.

Questions

Board Member Britt Huff: Did SBCCOG stay in budget with J.P. Marketing for website redesign? Answer: Yes.

3. South Bay Fiber Network

Magellan Advisors has discovered 7 projects in the LA area studying the SBFN. SBCCOG staff has been working with Magellan Advisors to meet with other third parties interested in connecting to SBFN to businesses and residents. SBCCOG staff and Magellan Advisors are interested in conducting a market study will return to the Board with more information.

4. SBESC Update

Ms. Fuentes shared information about SoCalREN and its energy efficiency programs. SoCalREN is offering its Kits for Kids program, which works with elementary grade classrooms (two elementary schools are participating in Carson). Classrooms also are eligible to receive \$1,000 in grant funding. El Segundo is the 200th enrollee in SoCalREN's network (SBCCOG will be promoting this achievement). SoCalREN also completed facility audits for Redondo Beach Library, City Hall, Police Department, and Performing Arts Center—energy savings potential includes 981,782 kWh and 14,575 therms. There are also special services to support CAP implementation specially for small cities who may not have as many energy saving opportunities.

Ms. Fuentes shared information about water saving kits via West Basin Municipal Water District, which include showerheads and aerators. Program also offers \$500 rebates for high-efficiency clothes washers. She asked for cities to promote this program in their communities. SBCCOG is looking for events and opportunities to host water saving events to hand out the kits.

5. Legislative Committee

Board Member Stacey Armato shared that the October meeting did not have a quorum and proceeded with informational items. At the Quarterly Legislative Briefing held this month as well, state and federal legislators were in attendance and attendees engaged in a new Q&A format. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for November 4, 2021 @ 5 pm – the first Thursday of every month. Several Board members committed to attending.

6. Senior Services

Board Member Britt Huff shared that the October 5, 2021 meeting addressed accessory dwelling units (ADU) and recently passed legislation. SBCCOG wants to share information about legislation and affordable housing

with seniors in local communities. A presentation was also given about Westside Pacific Village in the South Bay. There is an upcoming annual forum to be hosted by Palos Verdes Village: "Annual Upside of Aging". Next working group meeting is on December 7, 2021.

Mr. Chu shared that Palos Verdes Library District is interested in sharing visual learning information at future meetings.

7. SPA 8 Working Group

Board Member Hildy Stern shared that the next meeting is on November 4, 2021.

8. Other

Ms. Bacharach shared that SBCCOG's regional planner has produced a report from cities' feedback on regional planning initiatives that were developed from the individual interviews that he held with each Community Development Director. Community Development Directors recently met and voiced support for regional planner's work and are also interested in housing elements being reviewed for common themes.

Ms. Bacharach shared that the Local Travel Network (LTN) was recently endorsed by the Hawthorne and Gardena city councils. SBCCOG has identified two corridors of interest: a Beach Cities corridor and a Hawthorne, Gardena, and Lawndale corridor. SBCCOG is beginning a signage project to design signs for the LTN (these signs are fundable via Measure M). RHNA requirements will impact traffic on local streets in the South Bay, which the LTN hopes to impact.

XI. AGENCY REPORTS

NOTE: Oral reports are only made to clarify or amplify written attachments. All reports that were submitted or handed out are available online here: <https://southbaycities.org/event/board-of-directors-meeting-76/>.

- A. Air Quality Management District** (Joe Buscaino & Stephano Padilla) – no oral report
- B. SCAG Committee**
 - 1. Transportation Committee (James Gazeley, Christian Horvath) – no oral report
 - 2. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek) – no oral report
 - 3. SCAG Energy and Environment Committee (Britt Huff)
 - 4. Metro Service Council & Ridership Report (Don Szerlip)
- C. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Communities Network Committee** (Olivia Valentine) – no oral report
- D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** (Bill Brand/Eric Alegria) – no oral report
- E. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** (Olivia Valentine) – no oral report
- F. South Bay Aerospace Alliance** (Olivia Valentine/Rodney Tanaka) – no oral report
- G. California Association of Councils of Government – CALCOG** (Britt Huff) – no oral report

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

"LA vs. Hate" week is from November 14 – 20, 2021. The South Bay cities of Torrance, Rancho Palos Verdes, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Carson (Board Member Cedric Hicks is on planning committee) are participating. Any other cities that plan to participate, please inform Ms. Bacharach.

Board Member Bea Dieringer announced League of California Cities is hosting holiday reception on December 9, 2021.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Drew Boyles adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm to Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

David Leger, Assistant Board Secretary