

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Steering Committee MINUTES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Attendees: *John Cruikshank, RPV (in office), Rodney Tanaka, Gardena (in person), Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne (in office), Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach (via zoom), Cedric Hicks, Carson (via zoom), Bill Uphoff, Lomita (via zoom), Barry Waite, Lomita (in office), Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates, Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale, Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach, Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado, LA County D2, Christian Horvath (virtual); Gaby Segovia (Metro Service Council nominee), Ara Mihranian, RPV City Manager (virtual), Allan Pullman (Studio One Eleven, virtual), David Leger, SBCCOG, Wally Siembab, SBCCOG, Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG, Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG, Natalie Champion, SBCCOG, Martha Segovia, SBCCOG, Steve Lantz, SBCCOG, Jonathan Pacheco Bell, SBCCOG*

I. CONFIRM THE QUORUM - 12:00 pm

II. REPORT OF POSTING OF THE AGENDA

- ACTION: Received and filed

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - NONE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

V. CONSENT CALENDAR – action items noted, remainder are receive & file – 12:05 pm
VALENTINE/TANAKA

A. Steering Committee March 14, 2022 meeting minutes attached - CHAIR VIRTUAL

- ACTION: Approved

B. Modification of Contract with Energy Coalition re: the SoCal Regional Energy Partnership

- Agreement modification attached – provides additional \$50,000
- ACTION: Recommended Board approval

C. Employee Salary Schedule & Updated Job Descriptions

- Memo attached
- ACTION: Recommended Board approval effective May 1, 2022 and direct staff to revise the job descriptions as proposed

D. Appointments to Outside Agencies

- Memo attached
- ACTION: Recommended Board approval

E. Grant letters of support for South Bay projects from other agencies – letters available on request

- Water Replenishment District - Clean Drinking Water and Groundwater Cleanup Program
- Cal State Dominguez Hills – tech equipment
- COMMENT LETTER ON CALTRANS ATP TOO

F. City Attendance at SBCCOG Meetings – attached

G. Media Report – attached

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- H. Metro Service Council selection – 12:10 pm
- Memo attached – UPHOFF WITHDREW
 - **ACTION:** Review candidates and determine whether a selection should be made now or if a subcommittee should be formed to interview the nominees
 - **CRUIKSHANK – WANTS ALL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED**
 - **HUFF – GREAT IDEA TO HAVE SPANISH SPEAKING PEOPLE ON THE BOARD. IS G. SEGOVIA FAMILIAR WITH ALL OF THE COMMITMENTS OF THE JOB? – YES**
 - **SUAREZ – INTERVIEW CANDIDATES**
 - **CRUIKSHANK WORRIED THAT WITHOUT INTERVIEWS, PEOPLE WILL STOP APPLYING**
 - **SUAREZ – OK WITH THIS BUT SHOULD HAVE A PROCESS**
 - **HUFF – WE HAVE A PROCESS – AND THIS GOES TO THE BOARD**
 - **HICKS – WERE THE OTHER APPLICANTS TOLD TO BE HERE?**
 - **VALENTINE – HAVE OTHER 4 CANDIDATES ATTEND THE BOARD MEETING – *email sent to all candidates 4/11/22 with invite to board meeting***
 - **MOTION: TANAKA/DELGADO TO SKIP INTERVIEWS AND MOVE TO APPOINT SEGOVIA – CRUIKSHANK/TANAKA. OPPOSED HICKS – MOTION PASSES**
 - **VALENTINE/DELGADO – CRESPO & LOVE RECOMMENDED TO BOARD – NO OPPOSITION**
- I. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing – 12:20 PM
- Commercial Redevelopment into Housing project recommendation – memo attached'
 - **ACTION:** RecommendED Board approve a contract with Studio One Eleven (including subconsultant Kosmont Companies and Labib Funk + Associates) at a cost not to exceed \$274,660 – **SUAREZ/HUFF**
- J. Alert South Bay – 12:25 PM - TABLED
INFORMATION NOT YET COMPLETE
- K. South Bay Fiber Network – 12:45 PM
- Technical assistance grant with the state to be applied for – free CCF assistance working with Magellan – up to \$500,000 for planning – application should be available in May
 - Work Order #5 and Change order #3
 - **ACTION: RecommendED board approval of work order #5 and change order #3 - WAITE/VALENTINE**
 - **WAITE – PROBLEMS WITH BROADBAND – ONLY ONE PROVIDER AND NOT MUCH IN UNDERSERVED AREAS.**
- L. General Assembly De-Brief – 1:05 PM
- **POWERPOINT BY KIM- AUDIO VISUAL MALFUNCTIONED. DIDN'T GET FULL FEED OF THE EVENT. THEY OFFERED REDUCED COST OF \$1000. HICKS – MAKE IT MORE (\$1500 AT LEAST) – EX. MORE FUNDS DISCOUNT FOR NEXT YEAR. MOTION - \$1500 TO \$2500 – HICKS/VALENTINE**
 - **WAITE – WAS NICE – ENERGY IN THE ROOM, PEOPLE WANTED TO BE THERE. TOPIC NOT GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS A GOOD CHANGE.**
 - **DELGADO – GREAT EVENT – FUTURE OF WORK PERSPECTIVE GOOD**
 - **VALENTINE – COMMUNITY OF INNOVATION WAS HER FAVORITE. HOW WORK IS GOING TO CHANGE – ENJOYED BEYOND MEAT. LOVES SBCCOG BECAUSE WE ARE ALWAYS INNOVATING. IMPORTANT TO KNOW OTHER HEALTH OPTIONS. CONGRATULATE THE STAFF. VERY WELL DONE.**
 - **TANAKA – JUST BEING IN THE VENUE – GREAT – INTIMATE, NO MASKS, NO ONE LOOKED ON THEIR PHONES. THANKS TO DREW FOR THE PRESENTERS. STAFF DID GREAT JOB. FOOD GOOD.**
 - **HUFF – AGREES WITH ALL. VERY FESTIVE. THRILLED TO BE BACK. REGISTRATION EXCELLENT AND FOOD GREAT THERE. REUNION ATMOSPHERE. LIKED BEYOND MEAT.**

- **HICKS – FIRST LARGE EVENT AT COMMUNITY CENTER AFTER COVID. LOTS OF FEEDBACK ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE FUTURE AND WHERE JOBS ARE GOING. ATTENDEES WANTED TO DETERMINE HOW TO GET THESE INDUSTRIES IN THEIR CITY. KUDOS TO THE TEAM.**
- **CRUIKSHANK – CARSON STAFF DID EXCELLENT JOB. AGREE WITH ALL COMMENTS. KUDOS TO CHAIR. SHOWED SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC.**

M. Board Meeting Agenda Development – 1:15 PM

- April – draft attached
 - Juliette Finzi-Hart, formerly with OPR re: climate issues
 - 2022-2023 Work program
 - 2028 Olympics – **INVITE TO APRIL METRO RE: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**
- Future meeting possible speakers:
 - Stephanie Wiggins, Metro CEO
 - Chief Deputy of DA
 - Signal Synchronization applications with the SBFN – What’s Happening in Manhattan Beach
 - Speaker on Pensions and City Liability
- **ACTION:** Provide direction

N. Legislative Committee report – 1:20 PM

- Status of Legislation that we are sponsoring – **LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM CITIES REQUESTED**
- Status of Housing Trust Fund – to be discussed at special board meeting
- Legislative Briefing – **CANCELLED, NEXT IS JULY**

O. Regional Planner Assessment – 1:30 pm

- After reviewing the work that has been charged to the assessment by the regional planner this year, SBCCOG staff is recommending that the assessment be reduced by 50% – from \$110,500 to \$55,250. The reason is that more charges have been made to the SCAG REAP account than was anticipated.
- Revised amounts per city attached
- **ACTION:** Recommended that the board reduce special assessment for 2022-2023 for the regional planner by 50% **TANAKA/VALENTINE – SUAREZ ABSTAINED HOPEFULLY LAWDALE AND ROLLING HILLS WILL PAY.**

P. Approval of Invoices – to be sent separately – 1:35 PM

- **ACTION:** Approved invoices for payment **TANAKA/VALENTINE**

Q. Homeless Program – 12:55 PM

- **WE ARE WORKING WITH THE BEACH CITIES TO PILOT AN ALTERNATIVE CRISIS RESPONSE MOBILE TEAM – CURRENTLY SPEAKING WITH POTENTIAL PROVIDERS AND WRAP AROUND SERVICE PARTNERS**
- **WE ARE WORKING WITH HAWTHORNE ON THEIR PALLET SHELTER PROJECT – MADE AN INTRODUCTION TO PROVIDENCE HEALTH AS A POTENTIAL PARTNER IN THE PROJECT**
- **CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE ON THE SHELTER PROJECT – NEW OPENING DATE PROJECTED TO BE JUNE 27**
- **WE SIGNED THE COUNTY INNOVATION FUND CONTRACT AND ARE CURRENTLY PROCESSING OUR CITY MOUS**
- **WE ARE ALSO WORKING WITH WELLS FARGO ON ESTABLISHING THE NEW CLIENT AID ACCOUNT**
- **HAND SANITIZERS – CALL OUT OF THE BLUE – 3 OF OUR SERVICE PROVIDERS TAKING SOME**

- Comments on BRCH report
- **HORVATH – ADVOCATE THAT SUPERVISORS TAKE UP THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. LITERALLY CREATING A NEW COUNTY ENTITY REPORTING TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUT CAN DEAL WITH ALL OF THE SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS AND COORDINATE RESPONSE. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT LAHSA GOES BACK TO DOING LESS. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THEIR GROWTH. LETTER IS FAIRLY HIGH LEVEL AND REPORT SUPPORTS WHAT IT SAYS. NOW SBCCOG AND CITIES NEED TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANS. RONSON HAS ADDED A LOT WITH MORE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS. URGENCY IMPORTANT. PEOPLE FRUSTRATED.**
- **CRUIKSHANK – LOTS OF HOMELESS HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. IS THAT ADDRESSED BY BRCH?**
- **HORVATH – THEY FOCUSED ON GOVERNANCE AND DR. SHERIN (DMH) SPOKE TO BRCH MULTIPLE TIMES. NOT ENOUGH CLINICIANS TO DEAL WITH CRISIS AT HAND. NO FEEDBACK YET FROM SUPERVISORS. HORVATH WANTED ACTIONABLE ITEMS. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SEEMED POSITIVE.**
- **VALENTINE – WHEN WILL BOARD CONSIDER IT? HORVATH ONLY HEARS RUMORS. NEED TO ASK THEM DIRECTLY.**
- **DELGADO – NO OPINION UNTIL WEDNESDAY WHEN THEY SEE MOTION ON THE FLOOR. COMING TO MEETING ON APRIL 19.**
- **ACTION: Recommended board approval of BRCH report comment letter AND SHARE LETTER WITH OTHER COGS.TANAKA/WAITE ; DELGADO ABSTAINED – *sent to other COG's and our cities 4/13/22 – sent to county – time critical***

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- R. Update on South Bay Environmental Services Center Activities – attached – 1:40 PM
- **HELPING CITIES COMPLY WITH A STATE LAW. SET UP ACCOUNTS FOR OUR CITIES FOR ENERGY STAR. GIVING EVERY CITY ACCESS TO THE SYSTEM TO BETTER MANAGE THEIR BUILDINGS AND ENERGY USE.**
 - **KITS FOR KIDS – 4TH GRADE CLASSROOMS – COMPLETION COMING UP WITH CHECK FOR EACH CLASSROOM.**
 - **CAN DO LUNCH AND LEARNS – WORKING WITH MB TO DO SOME – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WATER DROUGHT – SOME AREAS SO SEVERE THAT WORRY IS ABOUT WATER SHORTAGE. WBMWD IS DOING PRETTY WELL BUT THEY WILL BE CONTINUING TO REDUCE TO SUPPORT OTHER AREAS AND POSSIBLE RATE INCREASES.**
 - **GRASS REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR CITIES. \$4-6 SQ.FT. AND THEY WILL DO LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND CAN BE DEMO GARDEN FOR COMMUNITY**
 - **REACTIVING VOLUNTEERS – TRAINING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 14 @ 5 PM IN THE OFFICE**
 - **CRUIKSHANK – MAKE SBCCOG LOGO MORE PROMINENT ON OUR BANNER AT TABLES**
- S. Local Travel Network – 1:45 PM
- Wayfinding RFP – due April 14
 - Subcommittee to meet
 - Met with Placer – Cruikshank contact – very robust data tool. Following up NEXT WEEK WITH HOW WE MIGHT USE IT
- T. Update on Senior Services - good meeting March 22, next May 24 – 1:50 PM
- CALIFORNIA DEPT OF AGING DIRECTOR AT LAST MEETING. AND MANAGER FROM AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. LOOKING FOR FUTURE SPEAKERS.**

U. STRATEGIC POSITIONING ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES – 1:55 PM

V. Other updates since agenda distribution

- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO START**
- **DELGADO – WANTS TO MEET EVERYONE ON THE BOARD.**
- **VALENTINE – INVITE TO HAWTHORNE BUSINESS EXPO – APRIL 26 & 27 – FREE**
- **HICKS – MAY 1 – FIRST OUTDOOR BIG EVENT – CARSON PARK – CINCO DE MAYO – NOON TO 5.**

IX NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING – Monday, May 9, 2022 @ 12:00 noon – HYBRID