

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts
12700 Center Court Drive
Cerritos, California
June 21, 2002**

President McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: President Keith McCarthy, City of Downey
Board Member Larry Nelson, City of Artesia
Board Member John Pratt, City of Bellflower
Board Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos
Board Member Melanie Andrews, City of Compton
Board Member Wayne Piercy, City of Lakewood
Board Member Frank Colonna, City of Long Beach
Board Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach
Board Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Board Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Board Member Beatrice Proo, City of Pico Rivera
Board Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Board Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Board Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Board Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier

ABSENT: Board Member Don Knabe, County of Los Angeles
City of Avalon
City of Bell
City of Bell Gardens
City of Commerce
City of Cudahy
City of Hawaiian Gardens
City of Huntington Park
City of La Habra Heights
City of La Mirada
City of Lynwood
City of Maywood
City of Montebello
City of South Gate

ALSO PRESENT: South Gate Councilmember Hector De La Torre; Barbara Baiz, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Councilmember Frank Colonna; City of Artesia City Manager Maria Dadian; Bellflower City Administrator Mike Egan; Cerritos City Manager Art Gallucci; Downey City Manager and COG Treasurer Gerald Caton; Signal Hill City

Manager Ken Farfsing; Long Beach Assistant City Manager Jerry Miller; Larry Allison, Editor, Long Beach Press Telegram; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger, GCOG Executive Director Richard Powers, GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Executive Assistant Genny Cisneros; GCCOG Transportation Advisor Don Camph; Deborah Chankin, GCCOG Special Assistant to the Executive Director; Jack Humphrey, GCCOG staff.

The pledge of allegiance was led by COG Treasurer Jerry Caton.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Words of wisdom were provided by Member Andrews, quoting former President Jimmy Carter.

President McCarthy made welcoming remarks.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

No one wished to speak during public comments.

Larry Allison, Editor of the Long Beach Press Telegram, made a presentation to the Board of Directors regarding his newspaper and press relations in general.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

COG Treasurer Jerry Caton presented a recommendation for a dues increase based on size of city and which would be phased in over a three-year period. It was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Andrews, to approve the Treasurer's recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2002-2003 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The Treasurer presented the proposed fiscal year 2002-03 budget for the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. After discussion, it was moved by Member Barrows, seconded by Member Colonna, to approve the recommended budget and to waive further reading and adopt the resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AMENDING ITS BYLAWS WITH RESPECT TO STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

President McCarthy recommended that the above resolution be referred to the

City Managers Steering Committee. The President's recommendation was approved by consensus of the Board of Directors.

Bellflower City Administrator Mike Egan presented a request from the Coalition for Practical Regulation for support and permission to name the Gateway Cities Council of Governments as a supporter. It was moved by Member Pratt, seconded by Member Colonna, to approve the request. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Colonna presented a report from the Conservancy Committee, saying that the RMC had recently appointed Belinda Faustinos as the new Executive Director, and that Supervisor Knabe had been appointed by the Governor to represent the County of Los Angeles on the RMC Board. He said that the city phase of approving the Open Space Plan was essentially complete and that Bellflower City Administrator Mike Egan was actively involved with the RMC's recently appointed working group. He announced that the application deadline for project funding applications under Proposition 12 was July 3, 2002. It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee, stating that the OPC would be reducing the number of proposed build alternatives from ten to three. He said that the firm of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox, and Elliot was working on recommended governance for a construction authority. It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo reported that there had not been a meeting of the Transportation Committee this month.

President McCarthy presented the report of the Nominating Committee, which had received twelve nominations for the twelve positions to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee nominated Long Beach Councilmember Frank Colonna for President of the Board of Directors and Paramount Councilmember Gene Daniels for Vice President of the Board of Directors for the coming fiscal year. The cities of Artesia, Cerritos, Compton, Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, and Whittier were nominated for seats on the Executive Committee. It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member Daniels, to elect the officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Wilson reported on a League of California Cities press conference regarding the League's efforts to protect local revenues.

Member Barrows reported that the TEA-21 reauthorization deadline was

approaching and recommended that members of the Board travel to Washington during the summer to advocate for sub-regional projects. He commented on a recent meeting of representatives of several sub-regions with White House Deputy Assistant Ruben Barrales. He recommended that a joint powers authority be created to advance the Orange Line project.

Member Andrews expressed her appreciation for her reception as a new member of the Board of Directors. She urged the pursuit of legislation authorizing transit villages.

Member Daniels expressed his appreciation for his election as the incoming Vice President.

Vice Chairman McCarthy spoke on the future of the Gateway Cities COG and proposed an October meeting of the full Board of Directors.

Incoming President Frank Colonna presented President McCarthy with a plaque commending him for his service to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

President McCarthy presented a plaque to former Vice President Hector De La Torre commending him for his service as Vice President and as Chair of the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee.

President McCarthy made concluding remarks, thanking staff, the city managers, and outgoing elected officials Congressman Steve Horn and Assemblymember Sally Havice for their contribution to COG projects. He welcomed Norwalk Mayor Gordon Stefenhagen as a new member of the Executive Committee. Finally, he introduced the newly designed COG logo.

It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member Andrews to adjourn with prayers for the return to health of DA McClain and Amelia De La Torre. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary