

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts  
12700 South Street, Cerritos  
April 2, 2003**

President Colonna called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Words of Wisdom were provided by Vice President Daniels, who cited President Dwight D. Eisenhower's statement that peace is a blessing and must be earned and President Harry Truman's that freedom is expensive.

President Colonna requested that each person present state his name and organization. Roll was taken in that manner.

**PRESENT:** President Frank Colonna, Vice President Gene Daniels, Member Gloria Kappe, Member Larry Nelson, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Betty Putnam, Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Member Edward H. J. Wilson.

**ABSENT:** Member Melanie Andrews, Member Don Knabe, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Beverly O'Neill.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lynwood Mayor Fernando Pedroza; South Gate Mayor Hector De La Torre; Bell Mayor Pro Tem George Cole; Bell Gardens Councilmember Daniel Crespo; Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank Colonna; Connie Sziebl, Field Deputy to Supervisor Don Knabe; Geraldine Knatz, Managing Director, Port of Long Beach; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Lakewood Community Development Director Charles K. Ebner; Paramount Director of Finance Jose Gomez; Rich Rogers, Jerry R. Schubel, President and CEO, Aquarium of the Pacific; MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector General Manager; David Hershenson, MTA Gateway Cities Sector Community Relations Manager; Cathy Manzo, MTA Community Relations Officer; Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Governmental Affairs Analyst; Jim Clouet, SCAQMD Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison; Stephanie Chavez, SCAQMD Senior Public Information Specialist; John Olvera SCAQMD Senior Deputy District Counsel; Jacqueline Rynerson, Long Beach Area League of Women Voters Program Chair; Enrique Aranda, Oldtimers Foundation; Corrine Murat, Senior Manager of Government Affairs, Mattel, Inc.; Frank Osgood, Planner; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; Deborah Chankin, Special Assistant to the Executive Director, GCCOG.

Member Putnam led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Colonna requested that agenda items 7A, 7G, 8C, and 10A be pulled from the agenda. There being no objection, those items were removed.

Corrine Murat, Mattel, Inc. spoke on behalf of the Port of Los Angeles and invited Gateway Cities COG Board members to an April 17 tour of the harbor in observance of World Trade Week 2003.

It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Piercy, to approve consent calendar items 7B through 7F. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Jerry R. Schubel, President and CEO of the Aquarium of the Pacific, made a presentation regarding the programs and resources of the Aquarium.

Rich Rogers, General Manager of the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector, gave a status report on the formation and activities of the Gateway Cities Service Sector. The COG Executive Director announced that applications for private citizen representatives on the Sector Council were being accepted and that the interview process should be completed within 30 days. Bell Mayor Pro Tem Cole asked how the outreach for private sector representation was conducted. The Executive Director responded that memos were sent to all of the member cities soliciting applications, that an announcement was posted on the COG website, and that newspaper ads were published. It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Wilson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that staff was working on a draft of a Business Plan for the COG and expected that the draft would be presented to the Executive Committee at its July 2003 meeting. It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Wilson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Stephanie Chavez of the South Coast Air Quality Management District presented a report on Senate Bill 981 (Soto), which would impose a fee of thirty cents per barrel of crude oil received by California refineries to fund the Carl Moyer and other air quality improvement programs. She said that the cost would equate to less than one cent per gallon of gasoline. Member Nordbak commented that there was no enforcement authority to the provision that the cost of the fee not be passed on to the consumer. Bell Mayor Pro Tem Cole said that the bill was a creative way to fund health care programs. Ms. Chavez reported that the bill was not yet in final form. President Colonna suggested that action on the bill be postponed until more information could be received from Senator Soto's office. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Nelson, to refer a recommendation on SB 981 to the City Managers Steering Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Colonna presented a status report on the Conservancy Committee, and reported that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy had received 100 applications for Proposition 40 projects. Of these, 39 were from the Gateway Cities sub-region. It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Piercy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director reported on the series of I-710 Technical Advisory Committee meetings that were occurring, with the goal of reaching a recommendation for a locally preferred alternative. He said that the COG had pending earmark requests for the I-710/Gerald Desmond Bridge Program and an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) project. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo presented the report from the Transportation Committee. She reported that the Committee had not met this month. She reported that the MTA Chief Executive Officer had met with COG representatives to discuss possible funding mechanisms for the Gerald Desmond Bridge/I-710 Program. She said that the MTA was sponsoring an April 18 visit of the Chairman of the House Transportation Subcommittee. President Colonna said he would like to look into pilot program of conversion of diesel truck engines to CNG in addition to the COG's current program of grants for newer model diesel trucks. He also reported on a recent trip to Washington, D.C., where he met with several House and Senate members, as well as Ruben Barrales of the White House staff. It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Wilson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no reports from SCAG Regional Council or Policy Committee members.

It was moved by President Colonna, seconded by Member Wilson, to add appointments to the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee to the agenda as a time sensitive item that came to the Executive Committee's attention after the posting of the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously. It was then moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Nordbak, to appoint Paramount Councilmember Manuel Guillen, Downey Councilmember Keith McCarthy, and Cerritos Councilmember Paul Bowlen to the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director spoke regarding the ongoing SCAG COMPASS growth visioning project and the series of upcoming workshops related to that project. He stressed the importance of the project because a component of the allocation of federal transportation dollars relates to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process, which is affected by the results of the growth visioning studies. He said that the COMPASS workshop scheduled for the Gateway Cities sub-region would take place on April 22 in Downey. He announced the results of the SCAG district elections, which were as follows: District 23—Paul Bowlen (Cerritos); District 25—Keith McCarthy (Downey); District 27—Frank Gurule (Cudahy); and District 29—Beatrice Proo (Pico Rivera).

It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Nordbak, to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.