

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street, Cerritos
August 6, 2003**

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

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

PRESENT: President Frank Colonna, Vice President Edward H. J. Wilson, Member Gene Daniels, Member Gloria Kappe, Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Betty Putnam, Member Gordon Stefenhagen.

ABSENT: Member Hector De La Torre, Member Larry Nelson, Member Don Knabe.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeannine Critie, Office of Long Beach Vice Mayor Frank Colonna; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; Lakewood Community Development Director Chuck Ebner; Long Beach Manager of Governmental Affairs Carl Kemp; Deborah Chankin, City of Long Beach; Hassan Ikhata, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Governmental Affairs Analyst; Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, Regional Representative, League of California Cities; Luis Cetina, Regional Governmental Representative, Metropolitan Water District; D.A. McClain, MTA Transportation Deputy; Frank Osgood, Planner; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG; Don Camph, GCCOG Transportation Advisor.

Member McCarthy provided Words of Wisdom.

Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Member Proo, seconded by Member Putnam, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was approved unanimously.

Hassan Ihkrata, Southern California Association of Governments, presented the SCAG 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Kappe, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a request from the California Cities for Self Reliance for a letter supporting state legislation preventing off-reservation casinos in Los Angeles County. It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Daniels to approve the request. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director made a report on the COG's adopted Investment Policy. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Kappe, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director passed on comments he had received from Member Nelson congratulating Vice President Wilson on his appointment by the Speaker of the Assembly to the Board of Directors of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Vice President Wilson reported that Supervisor Gloria Molina had been sworn in as a member of the Conservancy Board, that the Board had moved ahead with the purchase of the duck farm, and that monthly meetings had been established as the third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Piercy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director presented a report from the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. He said that the OPC had adopted a two-tiered community advisory committee system at its July 9 meeting. He expressed concern regarding SCAG's recent proposal for a dedicated truck lane facility from the ports to Barstow as "jump starting" a recommendation for the I-710 corridor without the involvement of the OPC or the affected cities. It was moved by Member Kappe, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo presented a report from the Transportation Committee. She said that the Committee had heard reports on the MTA Short Range Transportation Plan and the SCAG 2004 Regional Transportation Plan. Transportation Advisor Don Camph presented a status report on the COG's federal earmark requests. Transportation Deputy D.A. McClain reported that \$5 million is included in MTA's Short Range Transportation Plan for the environmental impact report which will follow the selection of a locally preferred alternative for I-710 by the OPC. It was moved by Member Kappe, seconded by Member McCarthy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Daniels spoke against the SCAG Executive Director's proposal for double decking the I-710 freeway, saying that it undercut the understanding that the Oversight Policy Committee had with the affected communities.

Member McCarthy reported that the SCAG Regional Council had voted to oppose SB 18 (Burton) regarding Native American sacred sites because it would further undermine local land use authority.

There were no reports from SCAG policy committee members.

The Executive Director announced that the recently completed Gateway Cities COG Sub-Regional Housing Implementation Strategy had been transmitted to all of the COG members.

Member Piercy requested that the Executive Committee receive quarterly or semi-annual reports from the COG's federal lobbyists.

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

Adjournment:.. The meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary