

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street, Cerritos
May 5, 2004**

Vice President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Member Putnam provided Words of Wisdom from Charles Swindell entitled "Attitude".

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

PRESENT: Vice President Edward H. J. Wilson, Member Gene Daniels, Member Hector De La Torre, Member Robert Hughlett, Member Bonnie Lowenthal, Member Keith McCarthy, Member Larry Nelson, Member Greg Nordbak, Member Wayne Piercy, Member Beatrice Proo, Member Gordon Stefenhagen, Member Betty Putnam.

ABSENT: President Frank Colonna, Member Don Knabe.

ALSO PRESENT: Connie Sziebl, Field Deputy for Supervisor Don Knabe; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; Lakewood Director of Community Development Charles Ebner; South Gate Assistant to the City Manager Bryan Cook; County of Los Angeles Assistant Administrative Officer Lari Sheehan; County of Los Angeles Chair of the Quality and Productivity Commission Jaclyn Tilley Hill; County of Los Angeles Division Chief of Telecommunications Franchising Fern Taylor; Michael Friedman, Telecommunications Management Corporation, County of Los Angeles; Luis Marquez, Field Deputy for Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal; Raymond Maekawa, Director of Planning, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector; David Hershenson, Community Relations Manager, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector; D A McClain, Transportation Deputy, Gateway Cities MTA Director; Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, League of California Cities; John Barna, Anrab Associates; Frank Osgood, Planner; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin; Jerry Wood, GCCOG Director of Transportation and Engineering; GCCOG Transportation Advisor Don Camph.

Member Lowenthal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

No one from the public wished to speak.

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

Los Angeles County Assistant Administrative Officer Lari Sheehan introduced Jaclyn Tilley Hill, Chair of the County Quality and Productivity Commission, and Fern Taylor, Chief of Telecommunications Franchising for the County, who presented a report on the County Cable Channel and extended an invitation to cities to partner with the County for provision of the County Channel on cities' franchised cable systems. It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Nordbak, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, League of California Cities, presented a request from the League for endorsement of the League's initiative, the Local Taxpayers and Public Safety Protection Act, which has qualified for the November ballot. She stated that although the League was in negotiations with the Governor regarding a potential agreement on a proposal by the Governor to support a different ballot measure guaranteeing protection of local revenues after a two year period, the League was still seeking support for its own initiative measure. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Member Nordbak, to endorse the League's initiative measure. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a budget amendment resolution transferring funds from savings in various expenditure accounts to cover the costs of the COG moving expenses and the additional lobbying expenses resulting from the recently approved contract with Anrab Associates. He said that the amendment did not result in a material change to the projected year-end balances.

A RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 BUDGET

It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Daniels, to waive further reading and adopt the resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

John Barna, Anrab Associates, presented a report on the activities of his firm during the month of April. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice President Wilson presented the report from the Conservancy Committee. He said that at its April meeting the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board

awarded three grants of interest to the Gateway Cities. These included \$190,000 to the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach; \$100,000 to the City of Long Beach for improvements to the Los Angeles River bike path at Golden Shore; and \$56,000 to the Los Angeles Flood Control District for mile marker and destination signs along the lower Los Angeles River. It was moved by Member McCarthy, seconded by Member Nelson, 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 a consensus was being arrived at by the cities within the I-710 corridor regarding proposed improvements to the freeway from the Port of Long Beach to Washington Blvd. in the City of Commerce. He said that the City of Commerce and the East Los Angeles area needed more time to arrive at a consensus regarding the northern end of the study area. He said that the revised plan had reduced the number of residential takes south of Washington Blvd. from approximately 800 to 5. Gateway Cities project engineer Jerry Wood briefly described the proposed "hybrid" plan, which makes extensive use of Flood Control District and utility rights of way in order to minimize residential takes. He said that the use of these rights of way for the proposed alignment would need to be tested in the environmental phase of the project. It was moved by Member Lowenthal, 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 said the Committee had discussed the proposed MTA Sector Bylaws revisions. She said that proposed changes to the guidelines for Propositions A and C would be reviewed by the Public Works Officers Committee. She reported that Jim Clouet of the South Coast Air Quality Management District had presented a report supporting proposed legislation by Senator Escutia regulating diesel emissions from railroad locomotives. She said that representatives from the railroad industry would be invited to the next Transportation Committee meeting to present their views regarding the proposed legislation. She said that the comment deadline on the environmental impact report for the proposed California High Speed Rail project had been extended to August. It was moved by Member Lowenthal, seconded by Member De La Torre, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy reported that the SCAG General Assembly would be meeting the next day regarding the proposed list of federal appropriations. Transportation Deputy D A McClain said that SCAG will consider revisions to that list that affect Orange County.

There were no reports from SCAG committee members.

It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member Nelson, to meet as the Nominating Committee on Wednesday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m. The motion was

approved unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that the COG would have a display at the SCAG General Assembly meeting. He said that tickets were available for the Cal State Long Beach Economic Forecast Conference. He announced that the COG offices would be moved next week to a new location adjacent to the City of Paramount Civic Center.

It was moved by Member Nordbak, seconded by Member De La Torre, to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment:... The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.