

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street
Cerritos, California
October 6, 2004**

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: President Edward H. J. Wilson, Signal Hill
Vice President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Board Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Board Member John Pratt, City of Bellflower
Board Member Daniel Crespo, City of Bell Gardens
Board Member Bob Hughlett, City of Cerritos
Board Member Jesus Cervantes, City of Commerce
Board Member Keith McCarthy, City of Downey
Board Member Betty Schultze, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Board Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Board Member Wayne Piercy, City of Lakewood
Board Member Leticia Vasquez, City of Lynwood
Board Member Samuel Pena, City of Maywood
Board Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Board Member Beatrice Proo, City of Pico Rivera
Board Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Board Member Hector De La Torre, City of South Gate

ABSENT: Board Member Ralph Morrow, City of Avalon
Board Member George Cole, City of Bell
Board Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Board Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Board Member Juan Noguez, City of Huntington Park
Board Member Susan Tripp, City of La Mirada
Board Member Frank Colonna, City of Long Beach
Board Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach
Board Member Edward Vasquez, City of Montebello
Board Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Board Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Board Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

ALSO PRESENT: Port of Long Beach Managing Director Geraldine Knatz; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Lakewood Director of Community Development Chuck Ebner; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Connie Sziebl, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe; John Barna, Anrab Associates; Dr. John E. Husing; Frank Osgood, Planner; Alan Braatvedt, CBM Consulting, Inc.; GCCOG Legal Counsel Rachel Richman; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin; GCCOG Director of Transportation Jerry Wood; GCCOG.

Member Pratt provided Words of Wisdom.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Member Schultze.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

No one wished to speak during public comments.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report summarizing proposed changes to the Conflict of Interest Code. He said that the major recommended change is that the positions required to file a statement of economic interests are now listed in place of using a generic category of "employees".

At the conclusion of the staff report, President Wilson opened the public hearing. No person wished to speak. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to close the public hearing.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AMENDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Piercy, to waive further reading and adopt the resolution amending the Conflict of Interest Code.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Members Nelson, Pratt, Crespo, Hughlett, Cervantes, McCarthy, Schultze, Carroll, Piercy, Leticia Vasquez, Pena, Stefenhagen, Proo, Putnam, and De La Torre, Vice President Nordbak, President Wilson.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Members Morrow, Cole, Dobson, Gurule, Noguez, Tripp, Colonna, Lowenthal, Edward Vasquez, Daniels, Davis, and Knabe.

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

Dr. John E. Husing, Ph.D. presented a report entitled "Logistics & Distribution: An Answer to Regional Upward Social Mobility". Dr. Husing reported that the economic status within the SCAG region had declined during the 1987-2001 period, largely due to job losses in the higher paying manufacturing sector. The sectors that reported the largest job growth were significantly lower paying than the manufacturing sector.

Dr. Husing stated that if Southern California is to increase the average level of prosperity for its labor force, it is imperative that a sector emerge to replace the lost manufacturing jobs. He identified this emerging sector as the logistics industry, tied to the tremendous increase in trade activity through the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. He said that the logistics/distribution sector has replaced manufacturing as a source of high paying blue collar jobs. He said that only the Los Angeles/Long Beach and the Seattle/Tacoma ports can handle ships of the size coming from Asia.

Dr. Husing attributed the loss of businesses from California to other states to high workers compensation, energy, and housing costs.

It was moved by Vice President Nordbak, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

A RESOLUTION OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ADOPTING A SEQUENCE OF PRIORITIES FOR FREEWAY IMPROVEMENT FUNDING

Vice President Nordbak noted that no number had been assigned to the proposed resolution. The Deputy Executive Director reported that the resolution simply memorialized the freeway project priorities set by the Board at last month's meeting and that the resolution could be placed on the consent calendar at next month's meeting with a number assigned.

It was moved by Member Pena, seconded by Member Pratt, to bring back the resolution with an assigned number at next month's meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director reported that a revised agreement for a needs assessment of the 91/605 freeways has been recently sent out to the prospective participating cities. It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Wilson reported that letters have been sent to the California Performance Review Commission opposing the recommendation to remove the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy as a state agency. It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Piercy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Pena reported on the September 30 meeting of the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee. He said that the OPC had received the report of the I-710 Tier II Community Advisory Committee at a very positive, well attended meeting. He said the OPC was next scheduled to meet on October 28 to further consider the Tier II report. It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Piercy, to receive and file Member Pena's report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Proo reported that there had been no meeting of the Transportation Committee this month.

There were no reports from the SCAG Regional Council members.

There were no reports from the SCAG policy committees.

President Wilson announced that he had appointed Member Colonna as Special Liaison to the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles for Goods Movement, Intelligent Transportation Systems and Environmental Issues. It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member McCarthy, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member McCarthy announced two upcoming meetings: the SCAG Regional Economic Forecast to be held at the Disney Concert Hall on November 18; and the Housing Summit, co-sponsored by the Gateway Cities, South Bay, and San Gabriel Valley COGs on November 19.

Member Pena announced that he was hosting a reception for Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez.

Member Proo announced the upcoming retirement of Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank, whose last day with the City would be October 14. She said the City was hosting a reception for her on October 12.

The Deputy Executive Director announced that South Coast AQMD Member Beatrice LaPisto-Kirtley had requested that the District's flyer announcing grant opportunities for cities be distributed and that a sample flyer was included in the Board Member packages.

The Director of Program Development announced that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had issued a call for projects under its Brownfields program.

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

Adjournment:.. The meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.