

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, California
April 23, 2009**

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

PRESENT: President Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey
First Vice President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Second Vice President Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Immediate Past President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park (Via telephone)
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Bruce Barrows, City of Cerritos (via telephone)
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce (via telephone)
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Member Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
Member Kathy Salazar, City of Montebello
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina (via telephone)

ABSENT: Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member from the City of Bell Gardens
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Gracie Gallegos, City of Pico Rivera
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Kurt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Ron Fisher, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Richard Steinke, Ex Officio Member, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Cudahy Councilman Josue Barrios; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; La Mirada Director of Community Development

Reuben Arceo; Bellflower Principal Planner Andrew Ho; Al Warot, Vice President, Willdan; GCCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer.

Roll was taken by the Deputy Executive Director.

President Bayer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments made.

The Executive Director introduced Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer, who described the steps taken to procure the services of a consultant to develop the Sustainable Community Strategy for the Gateway Cities relating to SB 375. She outlined the scope of services that the consultant will be performing and reported that a subcommittee of the Gateway Cities Planning Directors had recommended that the Board retain Willdan to perform the project.

Member Gurule asked whether the consultants would be coordinating with SCAG on the project. Ms. Pfeffer responded that they would because SCAG is ultimately responsible for the plan for the entire region. However, she said, the law allows sub-regions of SCAG to voluntarily do their own plans. Member Gurule asked if SCAG would have the last say so. Ms. Pfeffer responded that it would, but that this step would maximize the subregion's having its own say as to how the plan is finally constructed.

Second Vice President DuBois asked if the consultant team is ready to start immediately. Al Warot, Vice President, Willdan, said that they could begin immediately.

The Executive Director reported that \$60,000 had been received thus far from member cities for the \$100,000 project, but that the COG would advance the funds and be reimbursed as the funds come in.

It was moved by Member Hurtado, seconded by Member Daniels, to approve the award of a contract for consultant services to Willdan. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Gurule introduced newly elected Cudahy Councilman Josue Barrios to the Board. Member Davis announced that Leonis Malburg had stepped down after 35 years as Mayor of Vernon and that Hilario Gonzalez was the new Mayor, and Mike McCormick was now Mayor Pro Tem.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m.