

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street
Cerritos, California
June 30, 2004**

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

PRESENT: President Frank Colonna, City of Long Beach
Vice President Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Board Member Larry Nelson, City of Artesia
Board Member John Pratt, City of Bellflower
Board Member Daniel Crespo, City of Bell Gardens
Board Member Gloria Kappe, City of Cerritos
Board Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Board Member Keith McCarthy, City of Downey
Board Member Juan Noguez, City of Huntington Park
Board Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Board Member Wayne Piercy, City of Lakewood
Board Member Fernando Pedroza, City of Lynwood
Board Member Samuel Pena, City of Maywood
Board Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Board Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
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
Board Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier

ABSENT: Board Member Ralph Morrow, City of Avalon
Board Member George Cole, City of Bell
Board Member Jesus Cervantes, City of Commerce
Board Member Eric Perrodin, City of Compton
Board Member Betty Schultz, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Board Member Hal Malkin, City of La Mirada
Board Member Edward Vazquez, City of Montebello
Board Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Board Member Beverly O'Neill, Mayor, City of Long Beach
Board Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Pico Rivera Assistant City Manager Ann Negendank; Santa Fe Springs Assistant to the City Manager Marina Sueiro; Long Beach Legislative Affairs Coordinator Carl Kemp; Bridget Sramek, Field Representative, Office of Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal; Luis Marquez, Field Representative, Office of Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal; D A McClain, Gateway Cities MTA Transportation Deputy; Katherine Perez, Executive Director, Transportation and Land Use Collaborative of Southern California; Frank Osgood,

Planner; Diane Luna, Whittier resident; John Barna, Anrab Associates; GCCOG Legal Counsel Robert Messinger; GCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin; GCCOG Director of Transportation Jerry Wood;.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Member McCarthy.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Words of wisdom were provided by Member De La Torre.

President Colonna made welcoming remarks.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

No one wished to speak during public comments.

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

President Colonna made a power point presentation summarizing the significant highlights and accomplishments of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments over the past year.

Katherine Perez, Executive Director of the Transportation and Land Use Collaborative of Southern California, presented a report on building livable communities with transit. She encourage members to attend the upcoming Rail~Volution 2004 National Transit Oriented Development Conference to be held September 18-22 in Los Angeles. It was moved by Member Putnam, seconded by Vice President Wilson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bridget Sramek, Field Representative for Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal, made a presentation discussing three pieces of legislation introduced by Assemblyman Lowenthal dealing with the California ports and related environmental issues. AB 2041 would create a Port Congestion Management District and would establish a charge for the privilege of transporting cargo to and from the ports during the peak hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. AB 2042 would require the South Coast AQMD to establish a baseline for air pollutants at the ports and require the ports to control operations so that the baseline is not exceeded. AB 2043 would require the State Lands Commission to work with the California Marine and Intermodal Transportation System Advisory Council to compile and report on a statewide maritime strategic plan.

The Executive Director reported that the I-710 Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee had expressed support for all three bills. Member Proo said that the Board needs to support the legislation, but also there needs to be an examination of the details to see what impacts there might be. Member McCarthy noted that the Port of Long Beach was on record in opposition to AB 2042.

It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Pena, to support AB 2041,

AB 2042, and AB 2043. Member McCarthy requested that separate votes be taken on each piece of legislation. The request was accepted by Members De La Torre and Pena.

It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Pena, to support AB 2041 and to work with the author on the language of the bill and come back with a report in August. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Pena, to support AB 2042 and to work with the author on the language of the bill and come back with a report in August. The motion was approved, with Member McCarthy voting no.

It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Pena, to support AB 2043 and to work with the author on the language of the bill and come back with a report in August. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Colonna presented a recommendation that the Board of Directors meet on a monthly basis to conduct the business of the COG. He said that it was his belief that the COG had matured to the point that it would benefit from a more active participation from all of its members. He said that he had been advised that the City Managers Steering Committee was in support of this recommendation. He further recommended that stipends be paid to the board members based on attendance in the same manner as is currently done with the Executive Committee, and that the budget to be considered later in the meeting be amended to include an additional \$18,000 to cover this expense. Meetings of the Executive Committee would still be agendized monthly to provide that the business of the COG could still be conducted in the absence of a quorum of the full Board.

Member Proo suggested that monthly meetings of the Board be tried on a six month basis to see what the attendance would be. Member Nordbak expressed support for the concept, but said he had concerns about attendance. He recommended that the election of the Executive Committee be held in abeyance in the meantime. The General Counsel responded that the Bylaws required that the Executive Committee meet monthly, which could be met by agendizing a monthly joint meeting with the full Board; however, the Board could dispense with the election of a new Executive Committee, allowing the existing Committee to serve in that capacity. Member Putnam questioned the need to pay a monthly stipend.

It was moved by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Kappe, to have monthly meetings of the Board of Directors jointly with the Executive Committee and to pay monthly stipends based on attendance. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented the proposed 2004-05 Fiscal Year Budget, which he summarized as essentially a status quo budget that continues existing programs. It was moved by Vice President Wilson, seconded by Member McCarthy, to amend the proposed budget to include the \$18,000 need to pay monthly meeting stipends to the Board of Directors. The motion was approved unanimously.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2004-2005 ANNUAL

BUDGET OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

It was moved by Member Piercy, seconded by Member Nelson, to approve the resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Annual Budget as amended to include \$18,000 for Board stipends. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Colonna reported that the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board did not meet in June.

The Executive Director reported that the I-710 Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee was in the midst of a series of meetings aimed at approving a recommended strategy to be forwarded to the I-710 Oversight Policy Committee.

Member Proo reported on MTA Board approval of \$2 million in GARVEE funding for the I-5 project between the Orange County line and the 605 Freeway. She recited recent projects in the Gateway Cities sub-region approved by the MTA Board. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to receive and file the report.

President Colonna reported the recommendation from the Nominating Committee and nominated Vice President Wilson for the office of President. There were no other nominations made. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to elect Vice President Wilson as President of the Board of Directors.

Member Colonna reported that the Nominating Committee had recommended Member Nordbak for the office of Vice President. There were no other nominations made. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to elect Member Nordbak as Vice President of the Board of Directors.

President Wilson offered some remarks thanking the Board of Directors for electing him. He made a presentation to outgoing President Frank Colonna.

There were no other matters from the Board of Directors.

There were no matters from staff.

It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Vice President Nordbak to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.