



Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, May 28, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.
City of La Cañada Flintridge Council Chambers
One Civic Center Drive
La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Terry Walker, Chair
Sharon Springer, Vice-Chair
Daniel Brotman, Member
Marina Khubesrian, Member
Margaret McAustin, Member
David Perry, Member

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Minutes for the Meeting of February 6, 2020

Staff Recommendation: To Approve Minutes of February 6, 2020

B. Warrant Resolution

By: Rebekka Hosken, Treasurer

Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolution

C. Treasurer's Report

By: Rebekka Hosken, Treasurer

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

D. Audit Report

By: Rebekka Hosken, Treasurer

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Member Brotman indicated he would abstain from Item A since he was not present.

MOTION

Member McAustin moved and Member Khubesrian seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 5-0-1, Member Brotman abstaining.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Amendment #1 to Measure M Funding Agreement between Metro and the AVCJPA

By: Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the attached Agreement and authorize the Executive Director to sign it, subject to Approval as to Form by the AVCJPA Attorney.

Chair Walker introduced Member Brotman and Robert Bauman, recording secretary.

Executive Director Wilson presented the staff report including a summary of the funding agreement for Measure M planning activities fund to be used for consultant services.

MOTION

Member Khubesrian moved and Vice Chair Springer seconded a motion to approve the Agreement and authorize the Executive Director to sign it, subject to Approval as to Form by the AVCJPA Attorney. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Annual Budget - FY 2020-21

By: Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation: Approve the Annual Budget for FY 2020-21, effective July 1, 2020

Executive Director Wilson provided the staff report summarizing the proposed budget.

Member McAustin expressed appreciation for efforts to spread costs throughout cities.

MOTION

Vice Chair Springer moved, and Member Perry seconded a motion to approve the Annual Budget for FY 2020-21, effective July 1, 2020. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Special Meetings

Presenter: Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board select an option and direct staff to schedule the meetings.

Executive Director Wilson presented the staff report.

Member McAustin suggested postponing the strategic plan meeting to allow for an in-person meeting.

Chair Walker indicated the consultant agreed to delay the meeting until no later than December 31, 2020. She indicated she was in favor of Item 1 or 2.

Member Khubesrian agreed with postponing but wanted to retain the November deadline. She stated she was hesitant to push it out too far and suggested exploring different video conferencing options. Executive Director Wilson stated Zoom could be utilized.

Chair Walker agreed that the Zoom format was easier.

Member Khubesrian stated she was in favor of meeting sooner rather than later.

Vice Chair Springer suggested meeting no later than August 6, preferably in person, but Zoom was acceptable.

Member Perry agreed that the meeting could be delayed but not past August 6, 2020.

Member Brotman suggested deferring to August 6, in an effort to have an in-person meeting.

Chair Walker introduced Consultant Melanie Wong.

Melanie Wong stated it would be ideal to meet in person but suggested exploring other options.

In response to Chair Walker, Executive Director Wilson discussed the need for a meeting in June to approve Measure M projects.

Member McAustin supported deferring to August to potentially meet in person with a June meeting for Measure M projects.

Chair Walker confirmed the special meeting on June 24 and the strategic plan meeting on August 6, 2020.

Member Brotman asked who would be attending the strategic planning meeting. Executive Director Wilson stated the participants would be those that participated in the original strategic plan discussions with the consultant and the meeting would be

open to the public. She anticipated three to four per agency. Ms. Wong anticipated approximately 20 people would be in attendance.

MOTION

Member Khubesrian moved and Vice Chair Springer seconded a motion to reschedule the strategic plan meeting for August 6, 2020, in person if allowed with necessary regulations, online if not able to accommodate regulations, and continue with the June 24, 2020 regular meeting. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Appointment of Representative to the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee

Presenter: Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board nominate and vote to appoint the AVCJPA Representative to the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee

Executive Director Wilson stated Paula Devine was stepping down from the Committee, therefore, there would be a vacancy.

MOTION

Vice Chair Springer moved and Member Khubesrian seconded a motion to appoint Member Brotman as the representative to the SCAG Energy and Environmental Committee.

Member Brotman discussed his environmental advocacy work on State policy issues.

The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointees (Oral)

Presenter: Members or Appointees (if present)

Staff Recommendation:

To Receive and File

B. Report from AVCJPA TAC Representative

Presenter: Yaz Emrani, AVCJPA Metro TAC Alternate

Staff Recommendation:

To Receive and File

C. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)

Presenter: Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation:

To Receive and File

Councilmember Mahmud was experiencing technical difficulties and left the meeting at 4:48 PM

Executive Director Wilson provided an overview of the meeting with Phil Washington regarding equity funds, including release of funds and “haircut” release. She
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discussed Measure M funds and recent Metro Board activity regarding delaying funding. She requested the cities with in-house legal counsel request their city provide legal services to the JPA. She discussed the status of the AVCJPA website.

Councilmember Diana Mahmud rejoined the meeting at 4:58 PM to give a presentation. She provided a summary of the proposed legislation. She discussed the League of California Cities services and information related to COVID-19, letter to the Governor regarding SB1 funding, Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers, SB902, SB1299, and the League's legislative platform to keep cities whole and retain local control. She explained the consideration of bills by the League Policy Committees, Senate and Assembly budget, schedule and bill consideration, and continued attention to housing.

Member Brotman confirmed that the four-plex in single family neighborhoods was removed from SB902. Ms. Mahmud explained another bill that would allow for ministerial division of existing parcels in single family zoned neighborhoods. She suggested watching SB1585, SB1120 and SB1085. Executive Director Wilson explained that SB902 would be neutered and become permissive. Ms. Mahmud clarified that it enables local government to introduce up to 10 homes on a parcel, pursuant to a city electing to opt in by ordinance.

Member Brotman asked about the proposal by President Pro Tempore of the Senate Toni Atkins to facilitate payments to landlords by tenants impacted by COVID-19. Ms. Mahmud suggested it might be a trailer bill and would provide some relief to landlords in a tax credit. Member Brotman stated it was being delayed until there was a better state of affairs.

IX. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Member Perry experienced technical difficulties and left the meeting at 5:17 PM

Member Khubesrian provided an update on the City of South Pasadena's efforts to implement expanded outdoor dining spaces into adjacent parking lots or sidewalks. She discussed the City of Los Angeles ordinance to cap the delivery fees of third-party apps. She offered to discuss the processes with the other cities.

Member Brotman stated Glendale would be discussing capping delivery fees and expanding outdoor dining at its next meeting.

Vice Chair Springer stated expansion of outdoor dining was included in their economic recovery plan.

Member Perry rejoined the meeting at 5:24 PM

Member Perry discussed the Metro Board motion to repurpose the open streets funds to allow cities to apply for longer term street shut down to use for outdoor spaces. He stated Los Angeles County Safer at Home order permitted expanding Burbank ▪ County of Los Angeles (5th District – La Crescenta/Montrose) ▪ Glendale La Cañada Flintridge ▪ Pasadena ▪ South Pasadena

outdoor space. He explained the Metro Board's direction on the use of Subregional Equity monies and the continuing resolution related to Measure M fund deficit due to decreased revenue caused by COVID-19, with potential Federal funding. He discussed the NoHo to Pasadena project and anticipated it would not be impacted.

Member McAustin asked if the Complete Streets money would be affected. Member Perry stated the effect of COVID-19 was unclear on Measure M MSP and Measure R funds. Member McAustin confirmed the significant impact of COVID-19 on transportation. Member Perry stated the I-5 in Burbank construction would not be impacted. He stated the action of moving the funds from one bucket to another might violated Measure M.

Member Khubesrian reiterate the cities' efforts to cap delivery apps and asked if the County was doing the same. Member Perry stated he would inquire.

In response to Vice Chair Springer, Member Perry explained the CEO's proposal for key capital projects that were already in construction to not be impacted, except Link Union Station, which he did not believe was a 28 by 28 project. He stated there were 20 projects in the expenditure plan and of the additional eight, four or five were major transportation projects including the Sepulveda Pass, Gold Line East Side Extension, Green Line Extension to Torrance, and West Santa Ana Branch.

X. ADJOURN

MOTION

Vice Chair Springer moved and Member Khubesrian seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.



Ann Wilson, Executive Director