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REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES

ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, November 5, 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 4:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Sharon Springer, Chair
Daniel Brotman, Vice-Chair
Robert Joe, Member
Margaret McAustin, Member
David Perry, Member

Absent: Terry Walker, Member

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Presentation from Metro

Gary Byrne, Senior Transportation Planner, Metro, presented the report.

In response to Vice Chair Brotman, Mr. Byrne discussed the three optional routes through Glendale. He stated the proposed project utilized Broadway and the Metro Board would determine the route early next year.

The Board agreed to hear Item XIII.C prior to the Consent Calendar:

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

C. AVCJPA Legal Services (Heard out of order)

Presenter: Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation: Direct staff to meet with the legal staff of Burbank and Glendale with a request to serve as attorney of record if possible. Additionally, the proposal would include serving for a minimum of one year at a time, beginning each fiscal year. If Burbank and Glendale were to approve of these terms, it would be put in the form of an agreement between the AVCJPA and the cities of Burbank and Glendale.

Executive Director Wilson presented the report. She read an email from Amy Albano, Burbank City Attorney's Office and discussed the survey conducted of other COGS and JPAs, most with pro bono representation.

City Manager Alexander discussed the potential need for legal representation. He explained it was a Board decision to determine the level of representation.

Chair Springer suggested directing Executive Director Wilson to discussed the possibility of exclusive representation with the cities of Glendale and Burbank. City Manager Alexander suggested the respective representatives discuss the request with their city attorney.

Member McAustin suggested deferring the matter until she had spoken to her city attorney.

In response to Member Joe, Executive Director Wilson discussed the results of the survey of JPA and COGs. She discussed the Authority's potential risk and need for representation at legal proceedings.

In response to Vice Chair Brotman, Executive Director Wilson stated she had been relying on the La Canada City Attorney and the purchasing contract had been reviewed by the City of Pasadena City Attorney at no cost. Vice Chair Brotman suggested not waiting until litigation services were necessary.

In response to Member Joe, City Manager Alexander stated the City of La Canada Flintridge would prefer one-year representation but was appreciative of any service.

MOTION

Member Perry moved and Vice Chair Brotman seconded a motion to approve Option 3 requesting a one year rotation. The question was called and the motion carried 5-1, Member Walker absent.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Minutes for the Meeting of October 15, 2020

Staff Recommendation: To Approve Minutes of October 15, 2020

B. Warrant Resolution

By: Mike Blazenski , Interim Treasurer

Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolution

C. Treasurer's Report

By: Mike Blazenski , Interim Treasurer

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

D. Verdugo Workforce Appointment/Reappointment

By: Judith Velasco, Director, Verdugo Workforce Development Board

Staff Recommendation: That the AVCJPA Governing appoint and re-appoint the following candidates on the Verdugo Workforce Investment Board:

New Appointment:

- Jennifer Hiramoto

Re-appointment:

- B.J. McGuire
- Julio Ruiz
- Gavin Koon
- Onnig Bulanikian
- Cesar Valladares

MOTION

Member McAustin moved and Member Brotman seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried 5-1, Member Walker absent.

II. PRESENTATIONS

None.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

IV. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointees (Oral)

Presenter: Members or Appointees

1. Daniel Brotman, SCAG (Energy & Environment Committee (EEC))-
Rep.(report was attached with agenda)

2. Emily Gabel-Luddy , SCAG (Transportation Committee (TC) Rep. (Report Attached) + Video

Emily Gabel-Luddy provided an introduction of the video 58th Percentile regarding raising speed limits. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve.

Vice Chair Brotman encouraged the Board to review the report he provided on opportunities for local jurisdictions to have more flexibility to enforce speed limits.

Member Joe left the meeting.

Vice Chair Brotman stated he had received input from the Burbank City Attorney indicating he preferred six-month rotations for providing legal services.

3. Robert Joe, SCAG (Community, Economic and Human Committee (CEHDC)) Rep. No report.
4. Diana Mahmud, League of California Cities Rep. .(report was attached with agenda)

Staff Recommendation:

To Receive and File

B. Report from AVCJPA TAC Representative

Presenter: David Kriske, AVCJPA Metro TAC Representative

Staff Recommendation:

To Receive and File

David Kriske, AVCJPA Metro TAC Representative, summarized recent discussions at TAC meetings including the active transportation program, budget updates related to COVID-19, METRO study on traffic reduction, also known as congestion pricing, and bus rapid transit (BRT) design study.

Vice Chair Brotman asked if there were any areas in the JPA conducive to congestion pricing. Mr. Kriske stated METRO was looking for potential partners and he discussed potential pilot projects. Vice Chair Brotman discussed his experience with congestion pricing in Singapore.

In response to Chair Springer, Mr. Kriske stated METRO had not yet discussed where the funds would be utilized. He opined that there should be a link between the congestion charge and use of funds.

C. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)

Presenter: Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file
Executive Director Wilson indicated she had no report.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Strategic Plan

Presenter: Melanie Wong, Jon Overman, Lee Andrews Group

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board approve the Final Strategic Plan

Melanie Wong presented the proposed 2020-2025 Strategic plan including the planning process and timeline; Mission statement; Five core values identified in the strategic plan; and Goal 1 Transportation and Quality of Life; Goal 2 - Member Communication and Coordination; Goal 3 - AVCJPA Brand Enhancement; and Goal 4 - Regional Advocacy; and implementation of the action plan.

Chair Springer suggested adding "mobility" to Transportation, Mobility and Quality of Life and changing "Keep sustainability in mind." to "Keep sustainability in the forefront."

Member McAustin suggested against wordsmithing at this point. She suggested reviewing the plan after a year. She thanked staff and the consultant for the work done.

Chair Springer agreed but felt that "in mind" should be changed and all modes of transportation included.

Vice Chair Brotman agreed with Member McAustin and suggested "front and center" rather than "in mind."

Executive Director Wilson reiterated the proposed changes on Page 10 and 16.

Member Perry questioned to what degree the Board was willing to put sustainability in the forefront. He suggested S2 already captured the intent and he reiterated that he did not want to adversely affect any subregion projects.

Member McAustin stated S2 was the more overarching goal which would incorporate sustainability and adding it to A1 was redundant.

Chair Springer stated she did not want to prohibit projects and suggested "forefront" instead of "priority."

Vice Chair Brotman stated he would prefer stronger wording regarding sustainability.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Board agreed to adding "mobility" and modify "Keep sustainability in mind." to "Keep sustainability an important consideration." on Pages 10 and 16.

MOTION

Member Perry moved and Member McAustin seconded a motion to approve the strategic plan as amended. The motion carried 4-2, Members Joe and Walker absent.

B. Resolution 20-2 Establishing the Time, Place and Days of Regular Meetings and Rescinding Resolution 20-1

Presenter: Ann Wilson, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation: To Approve Resolution 20-2 Establishing the Time, Place and Days of Regular Meetings and Rescinding Resolution 20-1

Executive Director Wilson presented the staff report.

MOTION

Member Perry moved and Vice Chair Brotman seconded a motion to approve Resolution No. 20-2. The question was called and the motion carried 4-2, Members Joe and Walker absent.

VI. REMAINING PUBLIC COMMENTS – IF ANY

None.

VII. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBER MCAUSTIN

Chair Springer read the commendation in recognition and appreciation for her years of dedicated and excellent service to the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority.

Member McAustin thanked the Board and Executive Director Wilson and wished the her well.

Member Perry commended Member McAustin for her service.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

IX. ADJOURN

MOTION

Chair Springer adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.



Ann Wilson, Executive Director