Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES
ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, August 3, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.
City of Pasadena Council Chambers
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Jon Primuth, Chair
Justin Jones, Vice-Chair
Daniel Brotman, Member (Not Present)
David Perry, Member (arrived at 4:14pm)
Zizette Mullins, Alternate Member

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

IV. PRESENTATIONS - None

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Treasurer's Report - End of Year Financials for 2023
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

B. Check Warrant
Presenter: Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, AVCJPA
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

MOTION
At the order of Chair Primuth, Vice Chair Jones moved, and Alternate Member Mullins seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, to receive and file.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. SCAG Committee Appointments

Presenter (Staff): Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Executive Director
Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the Governing Board appoint a city member representative to serve on each of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) policy committees for an indefinite term, including the Transportation Committee, the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee, and the Energy and Environmental Committee.

AVCJPA Executive Director Laura Rubio-Cornejo introduced the item. Chair Primuth stated Member Brotman shared his interest in the Transportation Committee. Alternate Member Mullins stated Member Schultz would like to stay in the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee. Energy and Environmental Committee member assignment will be agendized for a future meeting.

MOTION
At the order of Chair Primuth, Vice Chair Jones moved, and Alternate Member Mullins seconded the motion to approve this item, roll call was made, the motion passed unanimously with no objection.

VIII. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointees

1. SCAG Transportation Committee – No update
2. SCAG Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) – No update
3. SCAG Community, Economic & Human Development Committee – No update
4. League of California Cities – L.A. County Division – Oral

Burbank Mayor Konstantine Anthony, stated the Legislative session is not over and Cal Cities is still trying to advocate for bills that are best for AVCJPA and all the cities in the area and along the state. Updated the board on bill SB 423, it is the update and change to SB 35, which is affecting every city in the state. Several amendments have gone through and may pass. There was an issue with de facto segregation, coming out of SB 35 stating developers would do 100% affordable units and huge complexes in certain neighborhood and certain cities, creating a low-income neighborhood where cities previously had the income levels spread out, this bill encourages mixed income development.
Currently there is an issue in Burbank, and a number of other equestrian communities, for areas designated as horse trails and equestrian neighborhoods, an amendment has gone through and there are now exemptions for equestrian neighborhoods which a lot of cities are excited about. Previously SB 35 saw a horse trail the same as the sidewalk and there was no distinction between the two and now there is a distinction. Additionally, SB 35 is guaranteeing prevailing wage on contracts that are ensuring apprenticeship programs on these contracts which is great, stating we need a lot of these trades and getting better jobs for these constructions. The biggest one that he thinks a lot of folks could get behind is the exemptions for safe conservation sites such as farmland, wetlands, high risk Fire Zone, hazardous waste sites, floodplains, floodways, and habitats for protected

species and any land that has a conservation plan or easement, is huge and it does protect a lot of our natural areas. Stating he was not expecting SB35 to be put into these areas, as nobody wants to build housing up in the hillside or out in the middle of the desert but apparently the developers were doing it so, you got to take what you get and then fix it on the back end, so he is personally glad that that's going all through and all those amendments.

Mayor Anthony has been talking with Cal Cities representatives and working groups to discuss a couple of items, the first one is the Metro Fairless program. Recently Karen Bass was appointed Chair of Metro and she didn't outright say it, but she has alluded to the fact that she's interested in creating a program or a pilot program in getting LA Metro completely fareless, she wants to remove the fare box and do basically what they're doing in Boston pilot program, and he thinks in New York and Chicago, there is interest from pro transit advocates. Mayor Anthony will update the board on the status of this at a future meeting.

The other big issue that is being talked about at Cal Cities, and has yet to take a position is the increased cost of contract cities that have Sheriff's Departments instead of a local Police Department, and it is kind of a very nuanced discussion, as workers comp and insurance skyrocket in the last year in response to specifically the LA Sheriff's Department, and how the numbers are changing versus a local municipalities Police Department. Cal Cities has not taken a position yet, but it is a huge number that is changing rapidly, and what does that mean for local jurisdictions. Mayor Anthony attended a presentation a few months back asking the State to take a position with either the Attorney General or having a bill get passed to say local municipalities can authorize a joint powers agreement for police to get two or three cities together to cut down on cost to get a local Police Department, versus having to go with the contract for the Sheriff and not do their whole own Police Department. Anthony will update the board on the status of this at a future meeting.

Chair Primuth asked Mayor Anthony if the term local control is still used. Mayor Anthony stated Cal Cities hasn't taken a position, but he has been talking to a lot of members of not only Cal Cities but SCAG, to discuss how to get some exemptions built into the state housing laws.

B. Report from AVCJPA TAC Representative

Presenter: David Kriske

Mr. Kriske did not have items to share.

C. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)

Presenter: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, Executive Director

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Executive Director Laura Rubio-Cornejo did not have items to share.

IX. REMAINING PUBLIC COMMENTS – IF ANY – None

X. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS (For written or oral reports by Members; no discussion or action to be taken)

Chair Primuth attended the Annual SCAG conference, stating it was insightful, challenging, motivating ideas and concepts, recommended the board member attend if possible.

XI. ADJOURN

On the Order of Exiting Chair Primuth to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chair Jones moved and Alternate Member Mullins seconded, the motion passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m.