Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES
ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, April 4, 2024 - 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 4:11 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Jon Primuth, Chair
Justin Jones, Vice-Chair
Kim Bowman, Member
Nick Schultz, Member

Excused: Daniel Brotman, Member
David Perry, Member

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rainbow Yeung, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), introduced herself and provided information to the Governing Board about two current funding opportunities available through the California VW Mitigation Trust and The Communities in Charge.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Metro 2028 Games Mobility Concept Plan
Presenter (Staff): Alex Hernandez, AVCJPA
Presenter (Metro): Kasey Shuda, Senior Director
Staff Recommendation: Receive and file

AVCJPA Treasurer, Alex Hernandez, informed the Governing Board that this item would need be rescheduled to a future meeting.
Kasey Shuda's colleague Tito Corona from Metro provided updates about Metro's upcoming programs. They include free rides for Earth Day, April 22nd, the Mission to Mission Open Streets on April 28th, and the Older Adult Expo at the Pasadena Convention Center on May 7th.

The board had no additional questions for Mr. Corona.

B. SCAG District Regional Council District 42 Election Update
Presenter (Staff): Alex Hernandez, AVCJPA
Presenter (SCAG): Erik Rodriguez, Sr. Government Affairs Officer
Staff Recommendation: Receive and file

Erik Rodriguez offered an update on the Southern California Association of Governments election for Burbank and Glendale. Nikki Perez, Vice Mayor of Burbank, was elected and confirmed as the Region 42 District Member. He also informed the Governing Board of the Annual SCAG Conference taking place in Palm Desert on May 2nd and 3rd in Palm Desert.

The board had no additional questions for Mr. Rodriguez.

By unanimous consent, the motion passed with no objection to receive and file.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Treasurer's Report
Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, AVCJPA
Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

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

MOTION
At the order of Chair Primuth, Member Schultz moved to approve the consent calendar, Vice Chair Jones seconded the motion, roll call was made, the motion passed unanimously with no objection to receive and file.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Amendment to FY24 Budget for Travel, Training, and Conferences
Presenter (Staff): Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, AVCJPA
Staff Recommendation: Approve an amendment to the FY24 budget of $1,000 for expenses for travel, training, and conferences and reduce payment for staff expenses by $1000. There is no anticipated fiscal impact, as the recommended action will maintain a balanced budget and allow for tracking of these line-item expenses when developing future year budgets.

Vice Chair Jones asked how the amount of $1000 was determined.
Mr. Hernandez responded that we used prior knowledge of hotel rates and mileage costs incurred for previous similar trainings and seminars. The $1000 would be the not-to-exceed amount.

MOTION
Member Brotman moved to approve staff's recommendation, Vice Chair Jones seconded. Roll call was made, notion passed unanimously with no objections. Chair Primuth additionally thanked the Governing Board and stressed the importance of taking advantages of opportunities like the SCAG Conference to be up-to-date on regional policy.

VIII. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY

A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointees

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

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

B. Report from AVCJPA TAC Representative

Presenter: David Kriske

Mr. Kriske, AVCJPA Representative for Metro TAC, introduced himself and provided highlights on the items discussed at the TAC meeting. He provided an updated on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lanes Project, which will convert HOV leans to HOT (Express Toll) lanes along a 14-mile portion of the freeway, between just south of I-10 and just north of US 101. He also provided an update regarding the Joint Development Program which aims to construct low-income housing units on its properties to provide additional affordable housing units near its transit network. The update on the Metro Micro Fare indicated that the base fair for Metro Micro Transit system will be modified from $1 to $2.50. Separately, in September 2023 the Metro Board approved a one-year extension of the Metro Micro contract in order to implement the new fare amount and make other operation improvements. Finally, Mr. Kriske also updated the Governing Board on the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7 grant program, which allocates state funds that implement state active transportation program projects.

Vice Chair Jones asked about the long-term vision for Metro Micro. Mr. Kriske stated that it's future is still pending, as it is very convenient for riders but costly to operate. The cost differential is the ongoing point of conversation, and cause of the short-term contract length. Vice Chair Jones also stated that he has heard from constituents that the application itself is not user-friendly. Mr. Kriske said that he can monitor any updates regarding the user-interface for the application and how Metro Micro could integrate into the TAP network regarding payment. Lastly, Vice Chair Jones stated that it seems to be hard for

residents to plan their trips around the Metro Micro timetable. Mr. Kriske thanked Vice Chair Jones for his feedback. Chair Primuth asked about subregional equity and unprogrammed funds for the 2027-2028 cycle and the deadline for that at the council level. Mr. Kriske stated that they have begun the programming process, with Cambridge Systematics. Cities will be looking at their upcoming programs and speaking with Cambridge on their individual cash flow and recommendations made at the city-level. It will be brought back before the Governing Board later this summer.

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

C. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)

Presenter: Alex Hernandez, Treasurer, AVCJPA
Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File
Treasurer Hernandez informed the Governing Board that they are working to reschedule the Metro Olympics presentation that was scheduled for this meeting. He is also working on scheduling the meeting where the Chair and Vice Chair are elected. He hopes to bring a draft project list for their review by Cambridge as soon as it is available, but that can also be rescheduled to August. Lastly, this will be Alejandra Valenzuela's last meeting as the Board Clerk, and he wished her well and thanked her for her service. Chair Primuth thanked Ms. Valenzuela as well for her service and diligence.

Chair Primuth moved to received and file these reports.

IX. REMAINING PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

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

Member Primuth thanked Alejandra for her service and told her she will be greatly missed.

XI. ADJOURN

On the Order of Chair Primuth, Member Bowman moved to adjourn and Vice Chair Jones seconded. The meeting was adjourned without opposition at 4:37 p.m.