REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES
ARROYO VERDUGO COMMUNITIES JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Thursday, December 5, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.
City of Pasadena Council Chambers
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 4:04pm

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Justin Jones, Chair
Kim Bowman, Vice Chair
Daniel Brotman, Member
Zizette Mullins, Alternate Member

Excused: David Perry, Member
Jon Primuth, Member

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None

IV. PRESENTATIONS –

A. Mt. Wilson Express Update, Presenter: Bryan Matsumoto, Nature for All – Information Only

Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director, introduced the item.
Bryan Matsumoto, Senior Project Manager of Nature for All presented the item, a weekend shuttle system from Pasadena into the Angeles Nation Forest, with stops through Northwest Pasadena. He outlined the preliminary planning, the aims of the project, the grant partners, the anticipated benefits, the history of the project, and the projected next steps.

Chair Jones thanked Mr. Matsumoto for the presentation and for working with and connecting the residents of Northwest Pasadena with the community and with the nature. He asked if there was a fare involved.
Mr. Matsumoto answered that the fair would be the usual Pasadena Transit fee of $.075.

Chair Jones asked about marketing and advertising plans for the project. Mr. Matsumoto answered the question.
Chair Jones also asked about impacts to the normal Pasadena Transit Schedule. Executive Director Siques answered that there would be a separate schedule and therefore no impacts to the normal schedule.

Member Brotman thanked Mr. Matsumoto for the presentation and for his enthusiasm. He asked why this process seems to be more involved than the shuttle that Glendale runs to the Deukmejian Wilderness Park.
Mr. Matsumoto answered that the Glendale shuttle stays entirely within Glendale, whereas the Mt. Wilson Express crosses into several different jurisdictions. The shuttle also has logistical challenges at the various drop-off sites.

Alternate Member Mullins asked about how cities were contacted regarding the Recreation Access Competitive Grant and questioned why Burbank was not represented.
Mr. Matsumoto answered that only Glendale and Pasadena applied. When other cities were contacted, they may have felt unable to take on a new, potentially non-long-term, project post-Covid.

There were no further questions.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2024
Staff Recommendation: To Approve minutes of April 4, 2024

B. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2024
Staff Recommendation: To Approve minutes of June 6, 2024

C. Approval of the Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2024
Staff Recommendation: To Approve the minutes of August 1, 2024

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

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

On the order of Chair Jones, Alternate Member Mullins motioned to approve, Vice Chair Bowman seconded the motion, and the motion passed with three 'yes' votes and one abstention to Receive and File the Consent Calendar.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) and Subregional Equity Program (SEP) Funding Plan Update
Presenter (Staff): Joaquin Siques, Executive Director
Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Executive Director Siques introduced the item. He indicated that project list and the total dollar amount of the MSP was not affected; the requested amounts for some projects were shifted between fiscal years or in the case of La Crescenta-Montrose (LA County) a portion was moved to unprogrammed.

There were no questions.

On the order of Chair Jones, Member Brotman motioned to Receive and File the report. Alternate Member Mullins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. REPORTS – INFORMATION ONLY - NONE

A. Reports from AVCJPA Appointees
No reports were presented at this time.
- SCAG Transportation Committee
- SCAG Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)
- SCAG Community, Economic & Human Development Committee
- League of California Cities – L.A. County Division

B. Report from AVCJPA TAC Representative – (Attached)
Presenter: David Kriske, Metro TAC Representative

David Kriske presented an update from Metro TAC. His update included information about a Mobility Wallet Pilot Program, Metro's effort to form their own transit law enforcement agency, SCAG's approval of several Complete Street Quick Build Projects, and Metro K and C Line changes to connect to LAC's People Mover.

Board Member Brotman asked about the Mobility Wallet's impact Post-Covid Transit Recovery. Mr. Kriske responded that the Mobility Wallet Pilot Program is still relatively small, but offered to get additional info about communicating the program. Member Brotman also communicated his previous experience using his credit card only to ride public transportation in Toronto.

Chair Jones also inquired about the participants of the 2nd Mobility Pilot Program. Mr. Kriske confirmed that the participants would still be lower income but extended into the whole county.

There were no further questions.

C. Report from AVCJPA Executive Director (Oral)
Presenter: Joaquin Siques, Executive Director, AVCJPA

Executive Director Siques reported to the group that Member Schultz has moved into the California State Assembly. He thanked Alternate Member Zizette Mullins for attending on Burbank's behalf, and let the Board know that we will notify the group when there will be an official change to the membership of the Board. Alternate Member Mullins echoed that the liaison reorganization meeting will take place later in December, and that official word should be communicated by the end of January.

Member Brotman inquired about who the appropriate person would be to discuss the low bus ridership within Glendale post-Covid; ridership is currently down 38% from pre-pandemic levels. He asked that this item be agendized for the future.

There were no further comments.

IX. REMAINING PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

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

Chair Jones acknowledge Member Brotman's earlier request for more information on boosting transit ridership Post-Covid and indicated he would speak with Director Siques.

There were no further comments.

XI. ADJOURN

On the order of Chair Jones, Member Bowman moved to adjourn and Member Brotman seconded. The meeting was adjourned without opposition at 4:48pm.

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