COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, and HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ACTION MINUTES

Thursday, August 5, 2004

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO-CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

Present Members	Representing
Alberg, Lyle	SANBAG
Alexander, William	SANBAG
Burgnon, Edward	SANBAG
Davert, Doug	Tustin
Dispenza, Mike	Palmdale
Duke, Alta	La Palma
Lutz, Mary Ann	Monrovia
McCarthy, Keith	Downey
McCullough, Kathyrn	OCCOG
Moreno, Jr., Efren	SVGCOG
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Nowatka, Paul	Torrance
Perry, Bev	Brea
Poe, Marilyn	Los Alamitos
Robertson, Deborah, **Chair**	Rialto
White, Charles	WRCOG
Yousefian, Bob	Glendale

Absent Members	Representing
Bosworth, Gary	CVAG
Bowlen, Paul, **Vice Chair**	Cerritos
Campbell, Todd	Burbank
Coerper, Gil	Huntington Beach
Cruz-Madrid, Cristina	SGVCOG
Guillen, Manuel	Gateway Cities
Hofmeyer, Daryl	Paramount
Longville, Susan	SANBAG
Loveridge, Ronald	Riverside
Mc Sweeney, Susan	Westlake Village
Perry, Jan	Los Angeles
Pinkard, Bedford	Oxnard
Reyes, Ed	Los Angeles
Richardson, Laura	Long Beach
Shields, M. Jo	Brawley

New Members	Representing
None	

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Deborah Robertson, Chair, confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

See Item #

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were approved without objection. There were several members absent for the June meeting resulting in abstentions for the minutes.

4.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 Minutes of the June 3, 2004 Meeting

4.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 SCAG Legislative Matrix

4.0 ACTION ITEM

4.1 Policy Paper: Promoting Regional and State Policy Objectives Through Growth and Development Practice." July 2004

Staff presented this policy paper which proposes steps that the State might take to promote mutual objectives. The State, through discussions convened by Secretary of Business, Transportation, and Housing Sunne Wright McPeak, has expressed an interest in promoting better transportation and land use coordination, improving housing performance, and providing housing accountability at the local level. The policy paper suggests that the State might achieve these objectives by taking specific steps to support implementation of the 2004 RTP and the Compass Growth Vision. Todd Priest of the Building Industry Association of Southern California provided comments that generally supported the paper, but cautioned that Compass implementation might hamper housing affordability. There was substantial discussion from the Committee regarding how Compass implementation might proceed, and regarding how SCAG could measure housing performance. Staff replied that these issues deserved further discussion, not germane to this paper.

Motion to recommend the Regional Council approve the paper with amendments made by Perry, Seconded by Alexander, then voted UNANIMOUSLY by the Committee.

4.2 Victory Valley Redevelopment Agency Housing Set-aside Review

Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development described a request by the Victor Valley Economic Development Authority to defer payments to the low and moderate income housing set-aside fund. Ms. Harris described that the request fulfilled the requirements of State law, was generally consistent with SCAG policy objectives, and did not hamper the production of housing in the area. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Regional Council approve a resolution confirming the Authority's findings.

Motion to recommend the Regional Council approve the resolution confirming the authority's findings with additional language describing the purpose and history of the authority made by Perry, Seconded by McCarthy, then voted UNANIMOUSLY by the Committee.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Regional Housing Needs Assessment

Jacob Lieb, Acting Lead Regional Planner, described various developments affecting the timing and conduct of the next Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), including the following: the new State budget authorizes Councils of Governments to charge a fee to cities and counties to pay for the RHNA; two RHNA reform bills, including AB 2158 which allows COGs to request a postponement have not yet passed the Legislature; and a decision was received in the litigation resulting from the 2000 RHNA.

Colin Lennard, General Counsel, described the RHNA decision, stating that it prevented the State Housing Department from partially rejecting the RHNA, and that the State could not use its partial rejection to reject Housing Elements from the Inland Empire plaintiffs.

5.2 Southern California Leadership COMPASS Class Project

John Greenwood and Amanda Rounsaville, of the Southern California Leadership Network, discussed their class project, which monitored the COMPASS Growth Visioning program over the past year. The class completed a survey of its members to come up with recommendations for SCAG in pursuing Compass implementation. In brief, class members felt SCAG should refine and focus its message in order to reach a general audience.

5.3 Compass Media Roll Out

In the interest of time, item postponed for a future meeting.

5.4 Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments Growth Visioning Report

Terry Dipple, of the Las Virgenes Malibu Council of Governments and Doug Johnson of National Demographics Corporation (consultant), described the sub-regions work effort under the Growth Visioning program during the prior fiscal year. The sub-region did a general population survey on growth, development and transportation issues. Of note, the survey found substantial support for land use and transportation coordination.

5.5 Regional Comprehensive Plan
In the interest of time, item postponed for future meeting.

5.6 2003 Venture Capital Investment in the SCAG Region
In the interest of time, item postponed for future meeting.

6.0 THE CHAIR'S REPORT
None

7.0 STAFF REPORT
Staff informed the Committee that the Economic Forecast Conference is scheduled for November 18 at Walt Disney Concert Hall.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
None.

9.0 CLOSED SESSION
Closed session was held regarding existing litigation. No decisions or actions taken.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next CEHD meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 2 2004 at the SCAG Office.

Minutes Reviewed and Approved by:

Lynn Harrs

Lynn Harrs, Manager
Community Development