



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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City Managers' Steering Minutes

Date: Monday, December 10th, 2007

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Picasso's Café

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

Members Present:

Covina	P. Philips
Diamond Bar	J. Destefano
El Monte	J. Mussenden
San Dimas	B. Michealis
San Marino	M. Ballantyne

Members Absent:

Alhambra
Azusa
La Canada Flintridge
San Gabriel

SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director
M. Creter, Staff

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call / Introductions

2.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3.0 Changes to Agenda Order; Identify Subsequent Need or Emergency Items

4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Minutes from November 6th, 2007 meeting

There was no action taken on this item.

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 SGVCOG January – June 2008 Strategic Plan

The Chair and the Executive Director gave a report on this item. They stated that the Strategic Planning Session on December 8th was very well attended by both staff and elected officials, and that the overall atmosphere was extremely positive. There were many objectives identified, particularly related to environmental issues. There was extended discussion on green building initiatives, which have been included in the upcoming six month workplan.

The Chair stated that one of the primary responsibilities of the City Manager's TAC/Steering Committee will be to ensure that there are adequate staff resources to accomplish the goals and objectives identified in this workplan.

The Executive Director stated that the next Strategic Planning Session will be held on Tuesday, May 13th.

5.2 Homeless Services Needs Assessment

The Executive Director stated that the RFP was released on December 1st, and a bidder's conference is scheduled for December 11th. The Executive Director also stated that one of

the issues identified at the Strategic Planning session was the importance of the SGVCOG building strong relationships with the Valley's academic institutions, and there may be some way to incorporate them into the homelessness study.

5.3 Housing Policy Committee

The Executive Director gave a report on this item. He reviewed the history of the ad hoc Housing Trust Fund Committee, which was initially set up to pursue the City of Industry set-aside funds. Over time, there has been a broadened interest in housing and homelessness issues, including the housing bonds and transit-oriented development. For this reason, the Governing Board formally established the standing Housing Policy Committee at the December Strategic Planning Session. Individuals interested in serving on this committee should contact the SGVCOG offices.

5.4 SGV Gang Summit

The Chair gave an update on this item. He is continuing to work with Chief Raney to plan this event. Additional updates will follow next month.

5.5 Member Agency Attendance and Participation on SGVCOG Committees

5.5.1 Policy Committees

5.5.2 Technical Advisory Committees (City Managers, Public Works, Planning)

There was extended discussion on the universal challenge of meeting quorum across organizations. After discussion, it was determined to recommend to the Governing Board that the quorum for both the TACs and the Policy Committees be lowered to 40% (from 50% +1), and that upon three successive absences, member agencies will be dropped from a policy committee's roster. They must seek reinstatement from the Governing Board.

5.6 SGV Corridors – Funding Opportunities

5.6.1 Rosemead Blvd.

5.6.2 Valley Blvd. - East

5.6.3 Valley Blvd. - West

5.6.4 Ramona-Badillo Corridor

5.6.5 Arrow Highway

The Executive Director gave an update on this item. He stated that SGVCOG staff is submitting three planning grants to Caltrans for Rosemead, Valley and Ramona-Badillo. SCAG OWP proposals were also submitted for these three corridors.

5.7 SGVCOG Website & Bulletin Boards

The Executive Director stated that the new SGVCOG website is expected to be posted before the end of the year.

5.8 Merry Mingle - December 20th

The Executive Director encouraged committee members to attend this event.

6.0 New Business items for Next Regular Meeting

7.0 Announcements

J. Destefano informed committee members that the LACBOS is considering a policy related to annexation that would require that once annexed, cities not be allowed to change the land use associated with that area. This may affect cities that are considering annexations in the future.

8.0 Next Meeting

9.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.