



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Housing Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, July 24th, 2008

1:00 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Office
3452 E. Foothill Blvd, Suite 810
Pasadena, CA 91107

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

Present

Covina
LA County District 5
La Canada Flintridge
Pasadena

Pomona

P. Philips
P. Novak
L. Olhasso
M. McAustin
B. Trimble
B. DeFrank

Absent

Claremont
Glendora
San Dimas
South El Monte

Ex-Officio:

LA County Department of Regional Planning
LA County Community Development Corp.

A. Russett
B. Babcock
B. Huang

SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director
B. Cooke, Staff

1.2 Self-Introductions

2.0 Public Communications

There were no public communications.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 Correspondence

3.2 Minutes from June 5th Meeting

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar (M/S/C: P. Novak/P. Philips/
Unanimous).

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Strategic Plan: May – November 2008

COG staff reviewed the strategic plan objectives listed under the three-year goal to “*Assist members to meet a full spectrum of housing needs and economic growth.*” A summary of the discussion points is as follows:

- **Identify strategies for improving the RHNA process.** SCAG is expected to hire a consultant to develop a better allocation system for the next cycle. COG staff is in communication with SCAG regarding related developments.

- **Report to the COG Board on the status of the grant applications for corridor-wide planning.** The grant award announcement has been delayed until the Governor releases the next budget. COG staff is tracking developments and will report to the committee. The three applications submitted approximate \$250,000 each.
- **Develop legislative guidelines for Prop 1C that are compatible with the SGV Housing Initiative.** Implementation and allocations of the Housing * Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 is now underway. They include funding categories focused on integrated housing-transit and inter-jurisdictional development.
- **Conduct a Housing workshop for community agencies.** The COG has co-hosted workshops in the past two years at the request of Congresswoman Napolitano. Staff anticipates that the COG will be asked to do so again this year. In the past, the audience largely consisted of city staff and non-profit organization representatives. There was discussion as to the content and target audience of a proposed workshop for this fall. The committee discussed the feasibility of a workshop focused on affordable housing as it related to state mandates for meeting RHNA allocations and compliant Housing Elements. Possible target audiences include elected officials or community members who have concerns about affordable housing in their area. Staff reported that the Homeless Study consultant anticipates hosting a Valley-wide workshop on the results of the Phase One data collection findings in September. This workshop will bring all stakeholders together to look at the results and strategize as to how to move forward. Staff will also consult with the Planner's TAC about suggestions for future topics for a housing workshop
- **Complete the first phase of the Homeless Needs Assessment Study and report the results to the Housing Committee.** The final Phase One report is due September 1st and will be distributed to Housing Committee members at the September 4th meeting. The consultant will also attend to provide a full verbal report to the Committee.
- **Identify resources for SGVCOG members to get their fair share of City of Industry set aside funds for housing.** The County Community Development Corporation has provided the COG a proposal for technical assistance. The Housing Committee, Planners TAC, and City Managers TAC have all reviewed this proposal. Staff is now working to coordinate this assistance to cities.

4.2 Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

Staff from the City of Pasadena gave background and overview of the City's current inclusionary housing ordinance. Committee members discussed the various components of inclusionary housing ordinances and their relative success in achieving set objectives. Inclusionary zoning was viewed as a tool in the toolbox for dealing with affordable housing issues.

4.3 Community Development Commission Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Home & City of Industry Funds Update

County staff reported that from 22 applications, 12 proposals met qualifications including a project in Pasadena. This application, along with one other in County unincorporated, were the only project proposals to come from the San Gabriel Valley. The next round of applications for funding is due in October. There will be approximately \$10-12 million available. County staff also reported that they are currently receiving applications for their Revolving Loan Funds for acquiring and pre-development of affordable housing.

4.4 HCD Permanent Funding Sources Meetings

Staff reported that they are tracking HCD meetings to establish a permanent funding source. Comments collected from the Los Angeles region are included in the packet.

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

- Homeless Study Phase One Report Overview and Planning for Phase Two Activities

6.0 Set next meeting date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4th at 1:00 pm at the COG offices.

7.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.