



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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PLANNERS TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, May 22nd, 2008
TIME: 12 noon
LOCATION: Monrovia Community Center

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order at 12:15 pm

******* Please note that there was not a quorum present at this meeting, therefore no action was taken and all meeting notes are unofficial.*******

1.2 Roll Call/Introductions

Present		Absent
Alhambra	M. Martin	Azusa
Arcadia	L. Flores	Covina
Baldwin Park	A. Harbin	Diamond Bar
Claremont	L. Seibert	Duarte
Glendora	D. Chantarangsu	El Monte
La Canada Flintridge	P. Clarke,	Industry
	R. Stanley	Irwindale
LaVerne	E. Scherer	La Puente
Monrovia	C. Jimenez	Montebello
Pasadena	B. Trimble	Monterey Park
South Pasadena	D. Watkins	Pomona
West Covina	J. Anderson	Rosemead
		San Dimas
		San Gabriel
		San Marino
		Sierra Madre
		South El Monte
		Walnut
		LA County

SGVCOG Staff

N. Conway, Executive Director
M. Creter, Staff
D. Kalovsky, Staff

2.0 Public Communications

There were no public communications.

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

4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Minutes from March 20th, 2008 Meeting

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 Implications of AB 32 on Planning and Development
This item was moved forward to the June 2008 agenda.

5.2 AB 2954 (Mullins & Nunez) – Housing Foreclosures

The Executive Director gave a report on this item. At the April Housing Committee meeting, there was significant discussion about the possibility of pursuing legislation that would allow cities in the San Gabriel Valley to purchase foreclosed homes in their respective jurisdictions and count them towards their Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). One such piece of legislation is AB 2954 (Mullins). AB 2954 (Mullins) authorizes redevelopment agencies, until January 1, 2013, to expend money from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund to (1) purchase, assume, or refinance subprime and nontraditional mortgages, as defined, on homes owned by persons of low or moderate income residing within its jurisdiction, or make loans to those homeowners; (2) purchase homes within its jurisdiction that have been foreclosed and are vacant, and sell those homes to persons or families of low or moderate income; and (3) provide mortgage or credit counseling services to existing or prospective low- or moderate-income homeowners within its jurisdiction.

This legislation was discussed at the May Housing Committee meeting. In general, the committee is very supportive of this legislation, which will allow cities to address the intertwined issues of housing foreclosures and affordable housing. However, the committee recommended working with the author to address two specific issues. First, this legislation specifies that cities may use redevelopment funds to purchase foreclosed homes. The committee recommends that this legislation be amended to allow cities without redevelopment agencies to participate in this program and utilize other funding sources. Second, this bill does not specifically state that the units that are purchased will be counted towards cities' RHNA allocations. Committee members have been in contact with the author's office and staff has indicated that he would be willing to include amendments to address these two issues. The Governing Board adopted a position of support and work with author on this legislation at it May meeting.

5.3 Analysis of City of Industry Set-Aside Fund Applications

The Executive Director provided committee members with a summary of the number and type applications by region over the past ten years for City of Industry Set-Aside Funds. One of the issues that arises from this data is that cities in the San Gabriel Valley are not aggressively applying for these. There was significant discussion about possible reasons why cities did not apply more frequently including the strict requirements and complicated nature of the applications and the need for additional technical assistance.

5.4 Call for Nominations: Chair and Vice-Chair

The Executive Director stated that nominations for the positions of chair and vice-chair are currently being accepted.

5.5 Updated SGVCOG Strategic Plan: May – November 2008

The Executive Director reviewed the recent update of the Strategic Plan and objectives relevant to the committee.

6.0 New Business items for Next Regular Meeting

7.0 Announcements

There were no announcements.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at the regular time, in the same place, same room.

9.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.