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COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CEHD) COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, June 6, 2019

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CEHD COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG’S OFFICE.

The CEHD Committee met at SCAG, 900 Wilshire Blvd., 17th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by Chair Peggy Huang. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair
Hon. Stacy Berry, Vice Chair
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto
Hon. Wendy Bucknum
Hon. Michael C. Carroll
Hon. Steve De Ruse
Hon. Rose Espinoza
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay
Hon. Bill Hodge
Hon. Tim Holmgren
Hon. Cecilia Hupp
Hon. Cecilia Iglesias
Hon. Bill Jahn
Hon. Robert “Bob” Joe
Hon. Kathleen Kelly
Hon. Jed Leano
Hon. Marisela Magana
Hon. Jorge Marquez
Hon. Lauren Meister
Hon. Bill Miranda
Hon. James Mulvihill
Hon. Trevor O’Neil
Hon. Michael Posey
Hon. Jim Predmore

Yorba Linda
Cypress
Coachella
Mission Viejo
Irvine
La Mirada
La Habra
Duarte
Calexico
Fillmore
Brea
Santa Ana
Big Bear Lake
South Pasadena
Palm Desert
Claremont
Perris
Covina
West Hollywood
Santa Clarita
San Bernardino
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Hon. Jan Pye	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG
Hon. Rita Ramirez	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Paul Rodriguez	<i>Chino</i>	Member-at-Large
Hon. Lyn Semeta	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Joseph Tessari	<i>Westminster</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Al Austin, II	<i>Long Beach</i>	GCCOG
Hon. David Avila	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Maria Bernal	<i>South Gate</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Juan Carrillo	<i>Palmdale</i>	North L.A. County
Hon. Vartan Gharpetian	<i>Glendale</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre	<i>Barstow</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Steve Nagel	<i>Fountain Valley</i>	District 15
Hon. Edward Paget	<i>Needles</i>	SANBAG
Hon. Sonny R. Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Peggy Huang, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and asked CEHD Vice-Chair Stacy Berry (Cypress, District 18) to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public comments were received from Jaime Murillo, Newport Beach who expressed concerns related to agenda item No. 1: RHNA Consultation Package.

Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, read into the record the names of individuals who submitted comment letters to the CEHD Committee regarding the HCD Consultation package prior to the CEHD meeting as follows: Hon. Stacy Berry, OCCOG; Paavo Monkkonen, UCLA; Henry Fung; Hunter Owens; Vyki Englert;

Juan Lopez; Louis Mirante; Carter Rubin; Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City; Andy Freeland; Eve Bachrach, Mayor Steve Jones, City of Garden Grove; Chris Zapata, Anaheim; David Brantley, Yorba Linda; Seimone Jurjis, Newport Beach; Elizabeth Binsack, Tustin; Kristine Ridge, Santa Ana; and Mayor David Shapiro, Calabasas.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM/S

Chair Huang noted that agenda items Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8 are Information items, not Consent Calendar items.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Consultation Package to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Chair Huang, speaking as the Chair of CEHD and also as the Chair of the RHNA Subcommittee, reported on the social media statement provided by Professor Monkkonen, who is also an ex-officio member of the RHNA Subcommittee. In response to his statement, which claimed that SCAG attempts to evade SB 828, Chair Huang noted that SCAG is committed to an open and transparent process and has been in full compliance with all aspects of the state law.

Chair Huang continued with the context and background information on the regional determination process, as well as how recommendations were made for the RHNA consultation package to HCD. She noted that there were several comments received and that have been distributed. She concluded by welcoming all of the CEHD members to participate and attend future RHNA Subcommittee meetings, which are held at SCAG the first Monday of every month in order to continue discussions regarding the RHNA Methodology.

Chair Huang asked Kevin Kane, SCAG staff to provide a brief overview of the formal RHNA Consultation Package and highlight the changes made to the state law. She noted that the full staff report was included in today's agenda packet and encouraged CEHD members to ask questions of Mr. Kane.

After discussions and comments were heard from several CEHD members regarding their positions for and against staff recommendations, Mr. Kane responded on the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including questions regarding the approach taken on household overcrowding, existing housing supply, the cost burden, support for additional phase cycles, and overcounting the housing need in the Orange County jurisdiction. Mr. Kane concluded his report by recommending that the CEHD members continue their robust discussion on RHNA methodology at the RHNA subcommittee level.

Additional comments made supported additional discussions on alternative housing solutions, in addition to sending a persuasive message to HCD highlighting the regions concerns over phasing timelines, realistic jurisdiction levels and rejection of politics in the RHNA determination process.

In conclusion, Kome Ajise, Executive Director, explained the obligations that SCAG has to submit a RHNA Consultation package that follows state law and one that can stand up to scrutiny. He encouraged the CEHD membership to consider the determination process and approving the recommendations made by SCAG staff.

The CEHD thanked staff for their efforts in implementing the RHNA Consultation Package to HCD.

A MOTION was made (Kelly) to approve staff's recommendation of the RHNA Consultation Package to the HCD. Motion was SECONDED (Marquez) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Beaman Jacinto, Finlay, Hodge, Huang, Jahn, Joe, Kelly, Leano, Magana, Marquez, Miranda, Mulvihill, Predmore, Ramirez, Richardson Rodriguez, Shapiro, Tessari, (18).

AGAINST: Berry, Bucknum, Carroll, De Ruse, Espinoza, Holmgren, Hupp, Iglesias, Meister, O'Neil, Posey, Semeta, Ta and Zerunyan (14).

ABSTAIN: Shevlin (1).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

2. Minutes of the CEHD Committee Meeting - April 4, 2019

Receive & File

3. S. 923 (Feinstein) - Fighting Homelessness through Services and Housing ACT
4. Connect SoCal Technical Methodology Submittal to California Air Resources Board

A MOTION was made (Posey) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Zerunyan) and passed by the following votes:

FOR: Beaman Jacinto, Berry, Bucknum, Carroll, De Ruse, Espinoza, Finlay, Hodge, Holmgren, Huang, Hupp, Jahn, Joe, Kelly, Leano, Magana, Marquez, Meister, Miranda, Mulvihill, O'Neil, Posey, Predmore, Ramirez, Richardson Rodriguez, Semeta, Shapiro, Ta, Tessari

and Zerunyan (32).

AGAINST: (0).

ABSTAIN: Iglesias (1).

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Affordable Housing and Tax Increment Financing: A SCAG Whitepaper

Kimberly Clark, SCAG staff, provided a brief presentation on ways to increase the viability and effectiveness of tax increment financing in support of sustainable growth and infrastructure. Ms. Clark noted that SCAG developed a White Paper entitled “Linking Economic Development with Housing Supply using Tax Increment Financing Tools in Southern California: A Review of Recent Challenges and Promising Opportunities.” She continued with an overview and background analysis, the challenges, past and present and potential solutions fusing the new tax increment financing (TIF) tools, which can provide incentives for localities to help pursue the State’s sustainability and housing goals.

The full White Paper with additional details was included in the agenda packet. Distributed at today’s meeting is the PowerPoint presentation which highlights the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) benefits along with SCAG recommendations.

6. Update on Local Economic Development Tools

Chair Huang introduced Mr. Larry J. Kosmont, Chairman & CEO, Kosmont Companies, who provided a presentation on the latest updates on Opportunity Zones and Tax Increment Financing tools; and how they can be used in local jurisdictions to support sustainable growth such as transit, light rail, transit oriented development, affordable housing and active transportation infrastructure, in target neighborhoods.

Mr. Kosmont’s brief presentation focused on how to help community’s market projects that could utilize Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Opportunity Zones. He described the implementation process and available opportunities for a city or county to initiate a TIF District. Mr. Kosmont provided an overview and progress update on the Statewide Momentum for Sustainability and Housing Districts in the cities of La Verne and Placentia.

Mr. Kosmont concluded providing Opportunity Zone application deadlines and a brief discussion on how local jurisdictions can create local programs and projects that highlight market opportunities in order to incentivize and attract investors, alongside the statewide economic development planning tools.

A full report including current and proposed statewide legislation for promoting economic development, was included in the agenda packet.

7. SCS Update: Scenarios

Sarah Dominguez, SCAG staff, provided an update of the Connect SoCal Scenarios that are currently being presented as part of the Connect SoCal public workshops. Ms. Dominguez' presentation included highlights of four future scenarios for the region in 2045 that will be presented to the public as well as next steps.

Ms. Dominguez concluded her presentation with Next Steps. She noted that the development of the final preferred scenario would be taken from feedback received during the public workshops, along with a quantitative analysis of each scenario's performance. The final preferred scenario would be recommended for inclusion into the draft of Connect SoCal and presented to the CEHD in early fall 2019.

Ms. Dominguez responded on the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers including questions and concerns regarding the number of survey responses received and concentration areas, and a description of the types of public feedback received.

8. Local Input Survey Results

Roland Ok, SCAG staff, provided a brief presentation on the results of the Local Input Survey. Mr. Ok's presentation focused on key findings of the survey, successful strategies implemented throughout the region and strategies not frequently implemented but are key indicators for improvement opportunities.

Mr. Ok stated that the survey was comprised of 62 questions and was sent to all 197 local jurisdictions, receiving 112 responses. He noted that the survey responses were quite substantial and have allowed SCAG to determine policies and strategies that has been successfully implemented. Additionally, SCAG will utilize the data received to develop Connect SoCal and will improve and expand its programs for areas that present opportunities.

Mr. Ok noted that an updated Local Input Survey Report will be presented to CEHD in the upcoming months.

The full Local Input Survey results was included in the agenda packet.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Huang provided highlights of the new Randall Lewis Wellness Program being offered to SCAG employees and Board members. She noted that the sponsorship was being sponsored by Mr. Randall Lewis and that the program will launch in June and conclude in December. She encouraged everyone to be part of a team and to sign-up.

Chair Huang invited the CEHD to participate at the next RHNA Subcommittee meeting which will be held at SCAG on Monday, July 1.

STAFF REPORT

Ma'Ayn Johnson reminded everyone of the upcoming 30th Annual Demographic Workshop, which will be held on June 11, 2019 at the USC Trojan Grand Ballroom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Huang welcomed new CEHD member Michael Carroll from the City of Irvine who replaced former Irvine Mayor, Donald Wagner.

Chair Huang announced that SCAG will be dark for the month of July 2019 and that the next CEHD Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Huang adjourned the CEHD Committee meeting at 11:52 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers
Clerk, CEHD Committee

CEHD Members

2019

MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	2019												Total Att To	
			JAN (dark)	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC		
Austin, Al	Long Beach	GCCOG														
Avila, David	Yucaipa	SBCTA		1	1	1										
Bernal, Maria	South Gate	GCCOG														
Berry, Stacy, V-Chair	Cypress	District 18		1	1	1			1							
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo	District 13		1	1	1			1							
Carrillo, Juan	Palmdale	North LA County														
Carroll, Michael, C.	Irvine	District 14							1							
DeRuse, Steve	La Mirada	District 31		1	1	1			1							
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra	OCCOG		1	1				1							
Finlay, Margaret	Duarte	District 35		1	1	1			1							
Gharpetian, Vartan	Glendale	President's Appointment		1	1	1										
Hackbarth-McIntyre, Julie	Barstow	SBCTA														
Hodge, Bill	Calexico	ICTC		1	1	1			1							
Holmgren, Tim	Fillmore	District 47		1	1	1			1							
Huang, Peggy, Chair	Yorba Linda	TCA		1	1	1			1							
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea	OCCOG		1	1	1			1							
Iglesias, Cecilia	Santa Ana	District 16		1	1				1							
Beaman Jacinto, Megan	Coachella	District 66			1	1			1							
Jahn, Bill	Big Bear Lake	District 11		1	1	1			1							
Joe, Robert	So. Pasadena	AVCJPA		1	1	1			1							
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert	District 2			1	1			1							
Leano, Jed	Claremont	SGVCOG			1	1			1							
Magana, Marisela	Perris	District 69		1	1				1							
Marquez, Jorge	Covina	District 33			1	1			1							
Marshall, Ann	Avalon	GCCOG		1	1	1										
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood	WSCCOG		1	1	1			1							
Miranda, Bill	Santa Clarita	SFVCOG		1	1	1			1							
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills	President's Appointment		1	1	1										
Mulvihill, James	San Bernardino	President's Appointment		1	1	1			1							
Nagel, Steve	Fountain Valley	District 15		1	1											
O'Neil, Trevor	Anaheim	District 19		1	1				1							
Paget, Ed	Needles	SBCTA		1		1										
Posey, Michael	Huntington Beach	OCCOG			1	1			1							
Predmore, Jim		ICTC		1	1	1			1							
Pye, Jan	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG				1			1							
Ramirez, Rita	Victorville	District 65			1	1			1							
Richardson, Rex	Long Beach	District 29			1	1			1							
Rodriguez, Paul	Chino	President's Appointment		1	1	1			1							
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower	District 24			1	1										
Semeta, Lyn	Huntington Beach	District 64			1	1			1							
Shapiro, David	Calabasas	LVMCOG		1	1	1			1							
Shevlin, Becky	Monrovia	SGVCOG		1		1			1							
Ta, Tri	Westminster	District 20		1		1			1							
Tessari, Joseph	Eastvale	WRCOG							1							
Waronek, Mark	Lomita	SRCCOG		1	1	1			1							
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG		1		1			1							

Attachment: CEHD Attendance Sheet (Minutes of the June 6, 2019 Meeting)