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SGVCOG Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, May 17th, 2011
1:00 pm
Monrovia Community Center
119 West Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 P.M.

Roll Call / Introductions

Members Present:

Glendora G. Murabito
LA County District 5 G. Sund
San Dimas L. Stevens
South El Monte J. Gonzalez

Members Absent:

Claremont
La Cañada Flintridge
Pasadena
Pomona

Staff Present:

N. Conway, Executive Director
D. Martin, Staff

2.0 Public Comment

There were no public communications.

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

There were no changes to the Agenda Order

4.0 Consent Items

4.1 Minutes from April 19th HCED Committee Meeting

There was a motion to approve the minutes (Motion/Second/Roll Call:
Stevens, Gonzalez; Unanimous)

5.0 Congestion Mitigation Fee Program Update

The Executive Director gave a report on the recent Congestion Mitigation Fee Program presentation made by MTA to City Managers, Planning staff, and Public Works staff. The event was well attended. A second meeting just for City Managers is scheduled for June 7th in the hopes that a better turnout of City Managers will attend. The MTA presentation was generally received well. While there may be plenty of discussion about the policy, they did a good job of presenting what the study was about and what the next steps are. G. Sund noted that there are lots of policy decisions to be made regarding the actual structure of

the program if it is to be adopted, including: how much the fee will be? What types of developments will it be levied against? Who will be distributing and appropriating the money? Will an approval process of projects be necessary? The Executive Director noted that the logical place to review their work would be at the City Manager's TAC and the HCED committee (likely in June) before being presented at the General Governing Board (perhaps in a special July meeting).

6.0 Redevelopment Agencies Update

L. Stevens updated the committee on the latest on redevelopment. Right now it is still in a holding pattern. The issue is still in the Governor's May Revision budget. There is the sense that the Democrats in both houses have been backing off, and there may not be the same support for elimination now as there was during the last vote in February. There are two Senate bills currently being reviewed: Senate Bill 286 (Wright) and Senate Bill 286 (Lowenthal). Both bills are still in committee. The League of Cities and the Redevelopment Association (CRA) are both supporting the CRA plan, but that plan has not made its way into bill form yet. There is also the sense that the issue is entwined with the tax extension/increase issue and may not be resolved until the budget package is approved.

7.0 Redistricting Update

The Executive Director gave an update on the state redistricting issue. The Executive Director attended the Commission's recent San Gabriel meeting. He was speaker 85 out of 120 or so, and noted the very large turnout. The attached letter is not the official COG position, but simply some facts that might help define what is important to the Valley, especially as it regards community of interests. It suggests that there are many ways in which the Valley could be separated, and gives examples of possible freeway corridor or East/West splits.

G. Sund noted the inherent balance to be made of getting the most number of representatives with a small piece of the San Gabriel Valley versus having only a few representatives who are wholly devoted to San Gabriel Valley issues. The key is to find that balance.

The Executive Director noted that, after speaking to Peter Yao, one of the commissioners, he got the sense that it would be in the COG's best interest to put forward a plan to achieve the best representation of its interests in the future districts. Many of the issues will be decided in the next 10 weeks or so. The first public display will be at Northridge at the end of June, with the maps due out soon after. There are two centers that specialize in this type of map analysis. One in Berkeley (that is regarded as the liberal-leaning group) and one at the Rose Institute at the Claremont Colleges (that is regarded as the conservative-leaning group). There will be a motion to get redistricting help from the Claremont group at the May Governing Board Meeting. The scope of work will be to analyze data and help craft a strategy. As the COG has a different agenda and requirements of the commission, and the COG is not asking the Rose staff to advocate, there should not be a conflict of interest issue. The HCED committee is the most logical committee to handle these issues. He would like to have a special purpose meeting of the committee to be held at the end of May or beginning of June to hear a presentation

from the Rose Institute staff to discuss possible strategies (if the contract is approved).

8.0 Small Business Development Center – Todor Trenkov

Todor Trenkov, staff member of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of the Los Angeles Region, gave a presentation about setting up a center and providing services to the San Gabriel Valley region. SBDC is a non-profit organization committed to providing development services to small businesses. The program is mostly funded by the Small Business Administration (SBA), but does require a state and local match. SBA look at certain metrics, particularly: number of new businesses, employees hired or retained, and number/volume of loans secured. The Mt. San Antonio College program closed in 2009. There is a huge demand now, but needs to get funding lined up to get started. Centers could be located at local community colleges. That has the benefit of built in support staff and facilities, but may not be the most appealing location for a certain type of business owner. Mr. Trenkov would like more than one center (ideally up to four) because of the difficulty in attracting businesses over a large geographic area to attend events in just one facility.

The Executive Director spoke about the willingness of HCED and City Managers to help the program, but the regional center of SBDC not being able to produce a proposal. He stated that people were ready to get behind the idea—both city manager’s and the local business community as organized through the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP)—but that the proposal has not come through. He suggested that Mr. Trenkov find a way to get a proposal for services together, and we may be willing to move forward quickly to get services started. He also suggested Mr. Trenkov contact SGVEP to get the ball rolling on that end.

9.0 Partnering Agency Reports

9.1 San Gabriel Valley Housing and Homeless Coordinating Council

The Executive Director gave a short report for the status of the SGVHHCC as outlined in the attached agenda packet. He noted the development of the housing tracking document and RHNA analysis, the development of annual elections at the May cluster meetings, the partnerships with integrated service partnerships, and the upcoming Board meeting. The funding issues are still being sorted out, but it appears that the Council may incorporate as a 501(c)(3) in order to be able to raise money next year. While not the perfect alignment to take advantage of some County resources, it may be the only way to be able to operate for next year.

9.2 SGV Corridor Planning Update

The Executive Director stated that there are no new updates. Still dependent on the actions on the redevelopment issue at the state level.

10.0 New Business items for Upcoming Meetings

No new business at the next meeting aside from the work on the redistricting issue.

11.0 Announcements

11.1 South El Monte’s SR-60 Compass Blueprint Project

J. Gonzalez states that he should have an update at the July meeting. He expected there to be something to report now, but that staff and SCAG staff are still finalizing and developing project documents and details. J. Gonzalez will come back to the committee with more information to come in a later meeting.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on June 21st at 1:00 P.M. The special purpose meeting to discuss redistricting issues will be announced at the end of this week (to be held in the next week or two), if the contract for redistricting is approved at the May Governing Board meeting.

13.0 Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.