

Agenda Item No. 1

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2007

The Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission met this seventh day of March, 2007, at 5:30 P.M. in Board Chambers of the Sacramento County Administration Center, 700 H Street, Sacramento, California.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Christopher Tooker, Chair; Charles Rose, Vice-Chair; Susan Peters, Jimmie Yee, Gay Jones, Robert King Fong, Sophia Scherman.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Peter Brundage, Executive Officer; Donald Lockhart, Assistant Executive Officer; Nancy Miller, Commission Counsel; Marilyn Ann Flemmer, Commission Clerk.

Commissioner Chris Tooker called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.; Commissioner Yee led the Pledge of Allegiance; the Clerk called the roll.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Charles Rose moved approval of the Minutes of February 7, 2007 and Claims dated February 28, 2007. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fong and unanimously passed. (Commissioner Yee abstained.)

**GALT JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
OUT OF SERVICE AREA CONTRACT WITH
CITY OF GALT (14-06)**

Donald Lockhart presented the staff report and recommended approval of the out of service contract for water/ sewer by City of Galt for two new high schools within the city's approved Sphere of Influence. Commissioner Rose moved staff recommendation; Commissioner Scherman seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

NATOMAS JOINT VISION REPORT

Peter Brundage reviewed the staff report giving the status of the project. There was Commission discussion. The matter was not an action matter.

AGRICULTURE - OPEN SPACE REPORT

Mr. Brundage reviewed his report and requested that the Commission direct him to discontinue the further development of Agriculture - Open Space Policies. He stated, "Future policy development in this area will cost a lot of legal time and dollars. The

estimated cost of an EIR would be between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Seeing the opposition, we might face a legal challenge which would cost additional money. Therefore I am recommending we discontinue the policies at this time." There was Commission discussion regarding the fact that the Commission currently has policies for the protection of agricultural land and open space in place. Commissioner Fong moved to discontinue the development of Agriculture - Open Space Policies and to continue using the existing Commission policies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scherman and unanimously passed after the following speakers addressed the Commission.

Ms. Terry Hanson, Save Our Sandhill Cranes, addressed the Commission. Ms. Hanson stated, "Your Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act says all Commissioners shall exercise independent judgment for the interest of the public as a whole, and not simply represent your narrow jurisdictions. Commissioners are not doing that. It is not working. We have traffic, air pollution problems. We need to continue the process, it is important for future generations," concluded Ms. Hanson.

Ms. Betsy Weiland, Habitat 20/20, addressed the Commission. Ms. Weiland stated she wished to thank the Commission for asking staff to take a look at LAFCo's Open Space and Ag policy. "Thanks to staff for the thousands of hours you put into developing policy. Thank you for working with people who are deeply involved."

Ms. Cynthia Garcia, Concerned Citizen, addressed the Commission. Ms. Garcia stated, "Thank you for your work on the open space policies. I want to remind you that the California Air Resources Board has had a symposium during the last three days. We are now all aware of climate change. Urban growth correlates with the rise in temperature. Within the last fifty years, we have had a six degree F rise in temperature. Prior to that, the Valley was open space. It is very important to have a balance of urban growth and open space. I request that your Commission decide not to discontinue development of policies to protect agriculture and open space. We should continue to have a dialogue," concluded Ms. Garcia.

INCORPORATION PROCESS

Peter Brundage reported that the petition for the proposed incorporation of Arden-Arcade had been submitted to staff and, in turn, staff has submitted the petition to the Registrar of Voters for signature verification. Mr. Brundage reviewed the incorporation process and gave an outline for the Arden-Arcade proposal, stating a November 2008 election date is the goal of the proponents. There was Commission discussion.

INCORPORATION FEE POLICY

Mr. Brundage addressed the issue of the current incorporation fee policy. He stated he would prepare a 2007-08 Budget based on the fee policy and it may require modification due to incorporation costs, specifically Consultant studies.

Bill Davis, Arden-Arcade Incorporation Committee, addressed the Commission. Mr. Davis stated, "We have been at this for a number of years. We have been proceeding in good faith that your policy would not change. We will work to get a loan. The proposed schedule leading to a November 2008 election must be met because state law on vehicle license funds will change July 1, 2009. In order for us to be viable, we have to make the November 2008 election," stated Mr. Davis. There was Commission discussion.

Motion to Prepare Budget

Commissioner Rose moved that the Executive Officer prepare a Budget for 2007-08 and prepare a second Budget for 2007-08 which includes incorporation costs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously passed.

CHAIR/ VICE CHAIR ROTATION

There was Commission discussion regarding the rotation of the Chair and Vice Chair. On a motion made by Commissioner Rose, seconded by Commissioner Fong, and unanimously passed, the rotation of the Chair/ Vice Chair shall in the future include distinction for City of Sacramento in the city rotation. The Commission then elected Commissioner Rose as Chair; Commissioner Scherman as Vice Chair for 2007.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC MEMBER

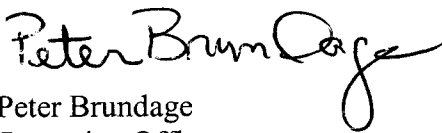
Chairman Tooker presented the subcommittee's recommendation which was the nomination of Peter Christensen for Alternate Public Member. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. Commissioner Scherman made a substitute motion and nominated Leo Fassler as Alternate Public Member. Commissioner Fong seconded this motion. The Clerk called the vote on the substitute motion, which passed 4-2 with 1 abstention. Mr. Fassler was congratulated as Alternate Public Member.

BUDGET, LEGISLATION AND WORK PLAN

These items were briefly reviewed; no action was taken. There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION


Peter Brundage
Executive Officer

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