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Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, July 11, 2002
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

Editorial Note: Agenda sections may be taken out of order at the discretion of the chair. Any reordering of sections is reflected in the presentation of these minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER OF COMMISSION MEETING

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Vice Chairman Lucente called the Commission meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Vice Chairman Lucente asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Joanne Baltierrez
Hope J. Boonshaft
John Crowley
Jonathan Fuhrman
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
Tony Lucente
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
William J. Petak
Clinton Simmons
G. Thomas Thompson
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Fred Balderrama
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Annie E. Cho

Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

None

It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Commission members requesting an excuse, be excused.

III. APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 2002 MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Lucente asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the June 6, 2002 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 2002 PRESENTATION

Vice-Chairman Lucente asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the June 6, 2002 Commission meeting be approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairman Lucente announced the appointment by Supervisor Burke of Ronald Ikejiri. He welcomed Commissioner Ikejiri and asked him to introduce himself. Commissioner Ikejiri noted that he had grown up in Redondo Beach and Gardena and went to college and graduate school locally. He attended law school at Northrup University. For 22 years, he worked in Washington, D.C. for the Japanese American Citizen's League. He chose that career, in part, as a result of the internment of his family during WW II. He recently returned to Gardena and has been elected to the City Council. He looks forward to working with the Commission and learning from the other commissioners.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Waddell announced that the Executive Director of the Quality and Productivity Commission, Greg Cherep, retired on July 3.

One of the activities that this Commission is engaged in is a special grant proposal of \$2M to be given to a department that would make good use of these funds. There are three final candidates: 1) District Attorney's Office for digitizing guides, 2) Mental Health Department to make some changes in administrative practices and help identify eligible clients and 3) Museum of Natural History to reduce building and energy costs and make a number of enhancements. A final review will be held on July 15 and the winning project will be announced at the August 5 Commission meeting.

The Quality and Productivity Manager's Network has expressed a concern about the suggestion system. They met and considered elevating the visibility of suggestions and those who submit them. The theme for this fall's annual awards ceremony is "Measures of Success". The Commission has received 121 proposals from 31 departments for the awards program. One innovation which may take place this year is an award for Measurement – the ability and the system used by a department to measure its effectiveness, efficiency, timeliness, and etc.

The Commission received a national recognition achievement award from National Association of Counties (NACO) for the energy conservation think tank program. Two members have left the Commission and two new members have come on board.

Local Government Services Commission

A liaison from the Local Government Services Commission has not been appointed to this Commission.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice-Chairman Lucente announced that Commissioner Barcelona has been re-appointed by the Board of Supervisors to this Commission.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth handed out several items to the members. The first was the updated Synopsis of Publications. The

second was the "County Counsel Guide to Brown Act Requirements." He noted that he had sent a email announcing 2 classes on the requirements of the Brown Act, the first is to be held on July 18 at 10:00 a.m. The third handout was a copy of the Grand Jury Report. Any members who were not at the meeting will be sent their copies.

X. PRESENTATION (a)

[Mr. Jonathan Williams, Chief Deputy, Chief Information Officer and Mr. Howard Baker, Associate Deputy, Chief Information Officer](#)

[Topic: Los Angeles County Administration System \(LACAS\) Project](#)

Mr. Baker and Mr. Williams discussed the background and status of this project to acquire and implement an Enterprise Resource Planning solution for the entire county to replace the many obsolete and disparate systems currently in use by the various departments.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Emancipation Services Task Force

Commissioner Thompson announced that Ms. Bock has resigned as head of the Children & Family Services Department. He suggested that the Commission have a meeting with the acting head and transition team of the department. The purpose of the meeting would be to review the issues that were brought up in the Commission's report and to inform the transition team of the suggestions in the report that they can possibly start implementing during this transition period. The Executive Director was instructed to arrange the meeting. The agenda for the meeting and the conduct of the meeting will be by the task force chairman with assistance from other members of the task force.

Grand Jury

Commissioner Hill stated that the task force had held a meeting and directed the Executive Director to prepare a draft memo based on the decision to move forward with putting a system in place that would allow the County to access all recommendations for improvements throughout the County. This would be an alternate approach to what is currently in place. It would move the County toward intranet tracking of the progress made on recommendations. Commissioner Hill distributed the draft at this meeting for those members of the task force who have not received it via email. She asked the task force to review and comment on the memo. Once the comments are incorporated, the memo will be directed to the Auditor-Controller, CAO and CIO for their review. The task force will hold another working meeting at Sony. An attempt will be made to have the "final" draft of the recommendation available to the entire Commission at the September meeting.

Commissioner Hill showed a copy of a thank-you card she had received from Jury Services. When someone doesn't ask for a check, that money is then donated to the Child Advocate Fund. This attempt at PR is definitely effective. She stated that Jury Services is still calling more jurors than they need. She also commented that the jury system is making significant changes.

Organization & Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oakes stated that Workers' Compensation issues are currently under review. The task force is evaluating reforms and the results of the county study. One of the biggest reforms is centralizing the risk management function into one area. The task force also wants to track the progress of the review announced by David Jansen in May. This review is to be conducted by Raquel Pena of the CAO Budget and Operations Management Branch who will look at all the departments in terms of increasing workers' compensation costs. The task force desires to meet with Ms. Pena. The Executive Director checked with Ms. Pena and she said that she is in the middle of meeting with each of the departments right now but she would be glad to meet with the task force in September when her review with the departments is complete. At that time, the task force will be in a position to evaluate the reforms and the county's action or inaction. Commissioner Oakes stated that there are significant fraud problems in the workers' compensation system and no effort to ferret out fraud so this has potential for the Commission to do some good.

Economic Development

The task force chair was not present and thus, no report was made.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was raised.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public attending the meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Vice-Chairman Lucente adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



Bruce J. Staniforth
Executive Director

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