



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Housing Committee

Minutes

Thursday, June 5th, 2008
1:00 p.m.

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Office
3452 E. Foothill Blvd, Suite 810
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1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Call to Order

Present

Covina

Glendora

LA County District 5

Pasadena

Pomona

San Dimas

M. Juarez

P. Philips

D. Chantarangsu

P. Novak

M. McAustin

B. Trimble

M. Lazzarretto

L. Stevens

Absent

Claremont

La Canada Flintridge

South El Monte

Ex-Officio:

LA County Community Development Corp.

B. Huang

Guests:

Frank Wen, SCAG

Joseph Carreras, SCAG

Simon Choi, SCAG

David Howden, Corp. for Supportive Housing

Jim McDermott, McDermott Consulting

SGVCOG Staff:

N. Conway, Executive Director

B. Cooke, Staff

M. Creter, Staff

1.2 Self-Introductions

2.0 Public Communications

There were no public communications.

3.0 Consent Items

3.1 Correspondence

3.2 Minutes from May 1st Meeting

There was a motion to approve the consent calendar (M/S/C: P. Philips/ B. Trimble/ Unanimous).

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 Growth Projections and Future Housing Needs in the San Gabriel Valley

SCAG staff gave a presentation on this item. They stressed that the growth forecasts for the region were based on an integrative approach that tied population forecasts to both housing and transportation needs. They also reviewed the process for deriving these numbers, which provided cities a variety of opportunities to provide input.

The committee members asked questions were asked about the following issues:

- The allocation of units to County unincorporated areas
- The consistency of the 2035 growth projections with City's General Plans
- The availability of funding from the State to complete future RHNA updates
- The linkage between transportation and housing needs
- The role of Compass 2% planning strategies and possibility of these strategies becoming mandatory
- The impact of AB 32 and SB 375, which address greenhouse gas emissions, and the trade-off between fair-share goals and transportation efficiencies.

4.2 Homeless Services and Needs Assessment

Staff from the consultant team that is conducting the Homeless Services Needs Assessment gave a presentation on this item. They stated that they have been collecting data from a variety of sources including cities and service providers in order to validate the LAHSA data. Currently, they anticipate that the homeless projections will be broken out into clusters of cities, but that it would be difficult to identify specific counts for individual cities. However, committee members stated that this information would be useful. Additionally there was discussion regarding how this information would be utilized in cities' housing element updates.

4.3 LA County Community Development Commission Request for Proposals/ Notice of Funding Available Update

LACDC staff gave a presentation on this item. They stated that \$100 million in general funds from the County was made available for homeless services, \$27 million of which was set-aside for communities to recommend for programming. For this \$27 million, 87 applications were submitted requesting over \$100 million in funding. One of the priorities of this program was to ensure an equal distribution across geographic areas, so funding was distributed according to Service Planning Area (SPA). Within the San Gabriel Valley there were 13 applications, and three were funded, one in Pasadena and two in Pomona. Staff anticipates that this will be one-time funding.

4.4 LA County Community Development Commission Proposal for Technical Assistance Services

The Executive Director and staff from LACDC updated the committee on this issue. The Executive Director stated that in discussions with the Planning Directors' TAC and the Housing Trust Fund Committee it became apparent that many of the Valley's cities did not have staffing that was solely dedicated to the issue of affordable housing development. For this reason, committee members were concerned that many of our member agencies lacked the technical expertise to develop comprehensive affordable housing plans and successfully pursue funding.

LACDC staff stated that after reviewing this issue, the LACDC has developed a proposal that would allow cities to access consultant services that would provide a limited number of development scenarios and a financial analysis. Cities would be required to identify a specific site and this service would be available to cities with a population less than 50,000.

The Committee was supportive of this proposal and the Executive Director recommended that it be sent to the full City Managers' TAC for review and comment.

4.5 Legislative Update

The Executive Director gave an update on AB 2594 (Mullins) which relates to housing foreclosures. He stated that the author has accepted the SGVCOG's proposed amendments, which would credit cities' purchases of foreclosed homes towards their RHNA allocations.

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

6.0 Set next meeting date - July 24th, 2008

7.0 Adjournment