

Proposition O Citizen's Oversight Advisory Committee (COAC) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 2:00 pm

Committee Members

Adi Liberman **Mark Gold**
Mary Nichols **Francine Diamond**
Craig Perkins Tiger Kang
Gideon Kracov **Teresa Villegas**

Cynthia McClain-Hill

Members present are shown in bold.

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Shahram Kharaghani (BOS)
Kendrick Okuda (BOS)
Rafael Prieto (CLA)
Beryl Taylor (CAO)

The meeting was called to order.

I. Approval of Minutes for March 21, 2007

1. A motion was made to approve the March meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

II. CAO/CLA update

1. A representative from the CLA's office gave an overview of the AOC meeting. The AOC revised the three TMDL projects that the COAC approved last month and these projects are returned to the COAC for discussion. The AOC was concerned about overspending the \$500 million bond. Councilman Ed Reyes spoke concerning the LA River revitalization and Taylor Yard. Councilman Reyes is actively involved in purchasing the G2 property and would like a good faith offer from the COAC committee for contributing funds. A motion was made to reiterate the \$50 million set aside for the purchase of the property at Taylor Yard and let the City Council decide how to allocate funds for all of the projects recommended for funding. A COAC member suggested setting a temporary moratorium for all new projects.
2. Public comment, Joyce Dillard. Ms. Dillard commented that she doesn't see enough City representatives at the meeting so they can be involved in the planning aspect.
3. Public comment, Paul Herzog, Surfriders. Mr. Herzog commented that the manner in which Prop. O allocated funds was not well planned.
4. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

III. Discussion and Possible Action on Wilmington Drain and Revised Concept Reports

1. BOS scaled back the three Santa Monica Bay Bacterial TMDL projects discussed at the last meeting according to the COAC request, from \$98 million to \$75 million and also reduced the schedule. A motion was made to approve the three projects. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Special Meeting agenda item.

The special meeting was opened. The Council Office had called about the Parking Grove at El Sereno project. The item is continued and will be on next month's meeting agenda. The special meeting was closed.

IV. Discussion and Possible action of Proposition O Citywide staffing report

1. BOE will be using 20 positions throughout the City including one position in Recreation and Parks and Contracting to complete the Prop. O projects. Copies of the staffing reports were distributed to the COAC.

V. Discussion and Possible Action-Bureau of Engineering Monthly Report and Bureau of Sanitation report on Prop O issues

1. A representative from BOE presented the monthly report. New additions to the report included overall program expenditures.
2. Progress Report on Santa Monica Bay LFDs. BOE has completed the preliminary design for the LFDs. BOE will set up a briefing for May 16, 2007 with two COAC members and the design will be shared with the remainder of the COAC at the next meeting.
3. BOS had a groundbreaking for the Cesar Chavez project. The Parking Grove and Aliso Creek projects will be re-introduced at the next COAC meeting.

VII. COAC Subcommittee Reports

1. The COAC asked that they be notified of any groundbreakings or openings.
2. No progress was made on the Playa Vista land acquisition. Playa Vista does not own the property anymore and the new owners are not interested in selling the land. A private meeting will be set up in the next two weeks with the new owner.

VIII. General Public Comment

1. Marisela Gomez, Playa Vista. Ms. Gomez stated that Psomas investigated treating runoff in the parks at the request of Playa Vista. There are many challenges and doing any projects in the campus parks is not feasible. An acre is available for land acquisition and they would be happy to discuss the possibility of selling the land to the City.
2. Mr. Allen, Contact Stormwater Solutions. Mr. Allen stated that his company specializes in stormwater treatment technology and offered his assistance to work with City on revising some costs of the Prop. O projects. The COAC requested that Mr. Allen send any information he has to the COAC for review.
3. Paul Herzog, Surfriders. Mr. Herzog asked what the role is of the COAC in terms of distributing funds. The projects were not evaluated on need and the project's ability to meet the IRP goals.

The meeting was adjourned.