



SGVCOG Planners TAC Meeting Minutes

Date: July 23, 2020

Time: 12:00 P.M.

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1. Call to Order.
C. Hensley called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.
2. Roll Call

Members Present

L. Flores; Arcadia
M. Marquez; Azusa
R. Garcia; Baldwin Park
B. Johnson; Claremont
C. Hensley, J. Golding; Duarte
M. Carnahan; Glendora
M. Simpson; Irwindale
E. Scherer; La Verne
T. Santilena; Monrovia
J. Palombi; Montebello
L. Valenzuela; Rosemead
F. Zelaya Melicher, A. Garcia; San Dimas
M. Chang; San Gabriel
V. Gonzalez; Sierra Madre
I. McAleese; South El Monte
M. Lin; South Pasadena
S. Reimers; Temple City
J. Drevno, M. Kim, C. Chung, S. Tae; Los Angeles County DRP

Members Absent

Alhambra
Covina
Diamond Bar
El Monte
Monterey Park
West Covina

SGVCOG Staff

M. Creter, Executive Director
C. Sims, Staff
A. Fung, Staff
A. Bordallo, Staff

Guests

E. Stadnicki, City of La Cañada Flintridge
A. Tellez, City of La Puente
A. Gutierrez, City of Pomona
V. Tam, City of Pomona
A. Ross, Los Angeles County DPW
S. Lai, Los Angeles County DPW

3. Public Comment
No public comments were given at this meeting.
4. Changes to the Agenda Order
No changes were made to the agenda order.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Planners TAC Meeting Minutes – 05/28/2020

Recommended Action: Approve.

There was a motion made to approve the 05/28/2020 Planners' TAC Meeting Minutes (M/S: C. Hensley/B. Johnson).

[Motion Passed]

Ayes:	Arcadia, Baldwin Park, Claremont, Duarte, Glendora, Irwindale, La Verne, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Gabriel, South Pasadena, Temple City, Los Angeles County DRP
Noes:	
Abstain:	
No Vote Recorded:	Azusa, Monrovia, Montebello, Sierra Madre, South El Monte
Absent:	Alhambra, Covina, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Monterey Park, West Covina

DISCUSSION ITEM

6. Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Projects Discussion
SGVCOG Principal Management Analyst, Caitlin Sims, provided a brief overview on this item and guided the committee to discuss possible REAP projects, which will provide funding to the region to facilitate the production of housing in the region. The SGVCOG submitted a preliminary application to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) that includes completion of regional site inventories to identify potential affordable housing and homeless housing opportunities, planning work to support long-term success of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, development of targeted funding and financing programs to increase and/or maintain the supply of affordable housing in the region, and feasibility studies for tax-increment financing and other tools to provide funding resources for affordable housing.

Discussions/Questions:

- A committee member recommended that the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust should be one of the focuses to develop affordable housing units given that the Trust has the potential of becoming one of the main funding sources for housing developments in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Another committee member commented that Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities (CRIAs) and Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) should be a focus given that some cities are preparing for major projects that require infrastructure support.
- A committee member inquired about the role of the SGVCOG in implementing the proposed REAP projects. Ms. Sims responded that the SGVCOG plans on managing the REAP projects and bringing in cities to be actively involved with these projects. Additionally, cities will be responsible for working with the selected consultants to implement projects within their jurisdictions.

PRESENTATIONS

7. 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards Structure
SGVCOG Management Analyst, Alexander Fung, provided a presentation on this item. The SGVCOG proudly introduces the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to recognize San Gabriel Valley cities' efforts for increasing energy efficiency in municipal facilities. San Gabriel Valley cities that meet certain thresholds in municipal and community

energy efficiency and community outreach will receive awards and recognition from the SGVCOG. Mr. Fung announced that the Cities of South El Monte and South Pasadena recently reached the Silver Tier and the Cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Diamond Bar, El Monte, Irwindale, Monrovia, Pomona, San Dimas, San Gabriel, and Walnut are close to achieving the Bronze Tier.

Discussions/Questions:

- A committee member inquired about rebates or other financial incentive programs that are associated with the San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards. Mr. Fung responded that cities will be rewarded through recognition and plaques; however, no rebates or financial incentives will be provided along with the Awards this year.
8. Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning FY 2020-2021 Priorities
Representatives from the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP), Connie Chung and Susie Tae, provided a presentation on this item. DRP staff strives to assist with supporting transit-oriented communities, safety element updates, climate action plan updates, environmental justice/green zones programs, housing element updates, and housing ordinances in this fiscal year.

CHAIR'S REPORT

9. Municipal Best Practice Sharing on COVID-19 Response
Committee Chair, Craig Hensley, led the discussion on this item.

Discussions/Questions:

- The City of Duarte shared that the City is open to the public by appointments only. The City Council and Planning Commission meetings are held virtually via Zoom and other city commissions are currently not meeting at this time.
- The City of Claremont shared that city facilities are currently closed to the public and that several major projects will be delayed. The City continues to host City Council and commission meetings via Zoom. Additionally, outdoor dining permits are being issued to local restaurants; however, there are no plans to close city streets.
- The City of Pomona shared that the City Hall is open to the public for walk-ins in the morning and for appointments only in the afternoon with reduced hours. City Council and commission meetings are held online via Zoom with members of the public being allowed to join the commission meetings. The City also launched Activate Pomona to allow outdoor dining, retail, and barber shops to operate and expand into right-of-way based on Governor Newsom's Order.
- The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning clarified that one-day turnaround permits are only offered by the Department for private and on-site dining businesses only. The Department's Planning Commission is currently holding meetings via Zoom and members of the public are asked to swear in before speaking at the meetings to ensure that they are on their best behavior.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chair, Craig Hensley, announced that the committee is expected to reconvene on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 12:00pm.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:02pm.