

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
and
2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

SUMMARY MINUTES

Call to Order at 4:40 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Stephen Blaylock	CAC Member	Absent
Chris Elias	CAC Member	Present
Ray Hashimoto	CAC Member	Present
Roberta Hughan	CAC Member	Absent
Robert Jacobvitz	CAC Vice Chairperson	Present
Erik Larsen	CAC Member	Present
Gaye Morando	CAC Member	Present
Charlotte Powers	CAC Member	Present
Sally Probst	CAC Member	Absent
Connie Rogers	CAC Member	Present
Martin Schulter	CAC Member	Absent
Peter Skinner	CAC Member	Absent
Noel Tebo	CAC Chairperson	Present

A quorum was not present and a Committee of the Whole was declared.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Committee of the Whole noted Agenda Item #13, Status and Progress of the Advisory Committee Enhancement Process to Date and Agenda Item #14, Update from the Committee's Advisory Committee Enhancement (ACE) Subcommittee, would be presented after Agenda Item #2, Orders of the Day.

The Agenda was taken out of order.

13. Advisory Committee Enhancement Update: April

The Committee of the Whole received an update on the Advisory Committee Enhancement (ACE) process.

The ACE Subcommittee reported ACE Task Force members reviewed and prioritized 36 items of importance to the advisory committees. ACE Task Force members will discuss the top three items with their advisory committee members and at the next ACE Task Force meeting a discussion will be held on the mechanisms of implementation.

The ACE Subcommittee reported: 1) cohesiveness among Task Force members; 2) improved communication between advisory committees is needed; 3) an annual joint meeting of the advisory committees should be scheduled; 4) Chairperson Sandoval has communicated her support of the ACE Task Force; and 5) Board Vice Chairperson Liccardo has attended an ACE Task Force meeting.

The Committee of the Whole noted advisory committee members should be required to present an annual report to their represented cities to ensure their awareness of the role of the VTA advisory committees.

14. Advisory Committee Enhancement (ACE) Subcommittee Report

The Committee of the Whole noted the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members' diverse-group representation and suggested other community groups might also benefit from representation on the CAC.

The Committee of the Whole suggested time should be set aside for a future discussion on unrepresented groups.

Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz left the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

4. Staff Report

The Committee of the Whole received a report from Greta Helm, Chief of External Affairs and Staff Liaison, in which she noted: 1) a recent presentation from VTA lobbyists regarding level of support VTA can expect in Congress; 2) an eight billion shortfall in current State budget; 3) the March public policy poll showed the only majority public-supported measure was capping salary increases; 4) the General Manager will present budget information at the April 24, 2009, Board Workshop; 5) a budget meeting calendar will be emailed to CAC members; 6) a tour of the planned BART line, from Warm Springs to Santa Clara, is being coordinated for CAC members on August 12, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.; 7) a BART corridor rail-realignment groundbreaking will occur on May 8, 2009; 8) the Mary Avenue Bicycle Footbridge Grand Opening Ceremony is scheduled for April 30, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. in Cupertino; and 9) the Borregas Avenue Bicycle Bridge Grand Opening Ceremony is scheduled for April 22, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. in Sunnyvale.

5. Chairperson's Report

The Committee of the Whole welcomed Erik Larsen, the CAC's new South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council representative.

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CONSENT AGENDAS**

6. **The Committee of the Whole deferred** the Minutes of March 11, 2009.
7. **Monthly Legislative History Matrix**
The Committee of the Whole received the Monthly Legislative History Matrix.
8. **Bill Position: AB 798 (Nava)**
The Committee of the Whole received Bill Position: AB 798 (Nava).
9. **Bill Position: AB 338 (Ma)**
The Committee of the Whole received Bill Position: AB 338 (Ma).
10. **CAC Quarterly Attendance Report**
The Committee of the Whole received the Q1 2009 CAC Quarterly Attendance Report.

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AGENDA**

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

11. **2009 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Strategic Plan**
The Committee of the Whole received the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Strategic Plan.
Staff provided a PowerPoint Presentation including: 1) Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives; 2) VTA Service Design Guidelines; 3) VTA BRT Branding; 4) Corridor Evaluation; 5) Transit Sustainability Policy; 6) Most Promising Options; 7) Daily Ridership; 8) Total Operating Cost Estimate; 9) O&M Cost/Passenger; 10) Capital Improvement Analysis; 11) Major Findings; 12) Design Principles; and 13) Photo Simulations of proposed stations.
The Committee of the Whole questioned regarding space availability for BRT stations. **Staff indicated** the use of medians and widening of intersections to accommodate stations. **Staff noted** the plan does not recommend taking through-traffic lanes out.
The Committee of the Whole questioned regarding removal of on-street parking and its effect on small businesses. **Staff stated** the concern was being addressed.
The Committee of the Whole questioned regarding the BRT fare costs. **Staff stated** the BRT fare would equal the VTA Rapid 522 fare.

The Committee of the Whole questioned regarding off-board fare collection. **Staff stated** off-board fare collection would reduce dwell time.

The Committee of the Whole encouraged the use of a single-ticket system.

The Committee of the Whole questioned regarding planning and funding for the I-880 / Stevens Creek Boulevard Interchange Project. **Staff stated** VTA is aggressively pursuing Federal funding.

The Committee of the Whole noted VTA should research the Community Foundation's Smart Growth Planning Grants.

12. Light Rail Systems Analysis Project Update

The Committee of the Whole received the Light Rail Systems Analysis Project Update.

The Committee of the Whole questioned the overall goal for the Light Rail Systems Analysis. **Staff stated** the overall goal is an improvement of the existing system, including increased efficiency and flexibility.

The Committee of the Whole suggested future planning take into consideration the places where people travel, including colleges, hospitals, and major shopping centers.

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15. Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans

The Committee of the Whole reviewed the Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans.

OTHER

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

17. ADJOURNED at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Garcia, Board Assistant
VTA Board of Directors