

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
and
2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Chairperson Powers, in Conference Room B-104, VTA River Oaks Campus, 3331 North First Street, San José, California.

Chairperson Powers introduced CAC’s newest member, Jeremy Barousse, representing the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council. She then announced longtime member Gaye Morando had resigned from the CAC.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jeremy Barousse	CAC Member	Present
Stephen Blaylock	CAC Member	Absent
Clinton Brownley	CAC Member	Present
Bena Chang	CAC Member	Present
Chris Elias	CAC Member	Present
Ray Hashimoto	CAC Member	Present
Roberta Hughan	CAC Member	Absent
Robert Jacobvitz	CAC Vice Chairperson	Present
Bruce Liedstrand	CAC Member	Present
Aaron Morrow	CAC Member	Present
Charlotte Powers	CAC Chairperson	Present
Sally Probst	CAC Member	Present
Connie Rogers	CAC Member	Absent
Martin Schulter	CAC Member	Present
Noel Tebo	CAC Member	Present
Herman Wadler	CAC Member	Present

A quorum was present.

2. ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no Orders of the Day.

3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

James Wightman, Interested Citizen, noted VTA has a new express light rail service. Mr. Wightman then expressed interest in receiving an update on BART. Chairperson Powers noted the BART presentation would be heard on Agenda Item #11.

4. Committee Staff Report

Greta Helm, Chief External Affairs Officer and Staff Liaison, reported:

Express light rail service will begin on October 4, 2010, and VTA hopes this additional service will increase ridership.

VTA's new hybrid bus was on display prior to the start of the CAC meeting, allowing VTA advisory committee members the opportunity to tour the bus.

The Board Office provided a handout with regard to VTA's ethics training requirement, reminding committee members how they can fulfill that obligation.

Gary Richards, San Jose Mercury News Columnist, will be hosting an online-chat session. VTA has been invited to participate and provide information on the Express Lanes Connector on 237. The CAC will be notified of the specific date and time for this session.

Marketing has started an outreach campaign to new residents within the County. Committee members are encouraged to distribute cards, entitled "VTA Welcomes you to the Neighborhood," to new citizens within their communities. The cards are available through Ms. Helm.

5. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Powers noted those on the committee who have not yet registered for an ethics training course should contact Susan Garcia, in VTA's Board Office, no later than September 8, 2010.

Member Tebo took his seat at 4:42 p.m.

Chairperson Powers requested that each CAC member introduce themselves to Member Barousse and identify which constituency they represent.

- **Financial Recovery Committee Member Report**

Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz stated the Ad Hoc Financial Recovery Committee (Ad Hoc FRC) received a handout entitled "Cost of Wages and Benefits Review" an analysis of the labor benefits cost centers.

Member Chang and Vice Chairperson Jacobvitz noted the Ad FRC will meet weekly, during the month of August. The three representatives of the Board, Members Abe-Koga, Gage, and Herrera will make their recommendation to the entire Board in September.

- CAC Stakeholder Representation Subcommittee Report

Member Tebo directed the Committee's attention to Agenda Item #12, "Amendment to the Citizens Advisory Committee Bylaws to Establish a Position Representing Higher Education in Santa Clara County." He noted the importance of including the Higher Education constituency on the CAC.

Member Tebo then noted two additional community groups identified by the subcommittee as being able to provide valuable insight and prospective in the area of county transportation needs are the Tri-County Apartment Owners and the Joint Venture Silicon Valley. He stated discussions would be held with these two groups.

Chairperson Powers noted members of the committee have requested time be set aside at a future meeting to discuss other constituencies the CAC might include for consideration.

Chairperson Powers reported she continues to attend the High Speed Rail meetings, as well as the Diridon Station Joint Policy Advisory Board meetings. She noted San Francisco has broken ground on their \$800 million multi-model terminal.

BUSINESS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ GENERAL MANAGER

COMBINED CAC AND 2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE CONSENT AGENDAS

Member Morrow requested Agenda Item #9, VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report – April 2010, be removed from the Consent Agenda.

6. **Minutes of June 9, 2010**

M/S/C (Tebo/Hashimoto) to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2010.

7. **CAC Quarterly Attendance Report**

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee received the CAC Quarterly Attendance Report.

8. **Monthly Legislative History Matrix**

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Monthly Legislative History Matrix.

NOTE: M/S/C MEANS MOTION SECONDED AND CARRIED AND, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2000 MEASURE A CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

9. VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report - April 2010

Mark Robinson, Chief Engineering & Construction Officer, reported the Engineering and Construction Division issues three (3) semi-annual reports on VTA-related issues: 1) VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report; 2) Facilities Semi-Annual Report; and 3) Measure A Semi-Annual Report.

Member Morrow questioned the purpose for the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report.

Mr. Robinson reported there are periodic audits and assessments on how VTA conducts business. The assessment noted VTA has been diligent in reporting its major capital improvement projects, Measures A & B, and suggested VTA should provide a similar level of reporting on its capital improvement programs.

Mr. Robinson noted over twenty active projects are currently in various stages of development, from the earliest of environmental works coming out of the planning process to project study reports and advanced conceptual engineering work on a number of interchanges. VTA is in the right-of-way access process for three (3) major I-Bond funded (Highway Safety Traffic Reduction Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006) projects: 1) 101 improvements at Tully Road; 2) 880 HOV Lanes, between 101 and 237; and 3) Highway 101 Auxiliary Lanes at Highway 85 in the Mountain View area.

Mr. Robinson stated semi-annual reports allow VTA to bring all of its projects to a similar level of visibility and to communicate VTA's progress to its committees and constituents.

Members of the Committee questioned the 101 improvements at Tully Road. Mr. Robinson noted the bridge will be widened to accommodate vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists. He touted VTA's multi-modal approach to design. He noted ground-breaking would begin in the September/October timeframe.

M/S/C (Probst/Brownley) to receive the VTP Highway Program Semi-Annual Report - April 2010.

10. Renew contract with Macias, Gini & O'Connell, LLP (MGO) for independent compliance auditing services to the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC)

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, defined the options before the Committee.

M/S/C (Jacobvitz/Probst) – to exercise option to renew a two-year contract with Macias, Gini & O'Connell, LLP (MGO) for independent compliance auditing services to the 2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC).

11. BART Silicon Valley Update

Bernice Alaniz, Deputy Director Marketing & Public Affairs, provided the staff report.

Ms. Alaniz provided a handout highlighting: 1) Enhancing Regional Connectivity; 2) Critical Link; 3) Project Features; 4) Phase 1: Berryessa Extension Project; 5) The Next 6 Miles; 6) Project Status; 7) Benefits; 8) Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (SVRT) Program Cost Estimate; 9) Support and Funding for Project; 10) SVRT Milestones Met; 11) Corridor Preparation; 12) Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension (SVBX) Design Build Procurement; 13) Save the Date – Bart Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension Project Design Build Contract Information Forum; and 14) In Summary – BART Silicon Valley.

James Wightman, Interested Citizen, recommended utilizing the light rail to connect the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport to BART.

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee received the BART Silicon Valley Update.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR AGENDA

12. Amending the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) bylaws to modify the membership structure by converting the existing Disabled Persons position to Higher Education that will represent post-secondary education in Santa Clara County

Member Schuler discussed his plan to organize a transportation consortium of students attending the colleges and universities located within Santa Clara County, should the Board approve this conversion.

Ms. Helm requested that details for this plan be prepared and submitted in the memo to the Board for its September meeting.

M/S/C (Tebo/Wadler) – to recommend to the Board that they approve amending the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) bylaws to modify the membership structure by converting the existing Disabled Persons position to Higher Education that will represent post-secondary education in Santa Clara County.

Member Wadler left the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

13. Grand Boulevard Initiative Multimodal Transportation Corridor Plan

Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the staff report.

Mr. Swierk provided a handout entitled “Grand Boulevard Initiative Multimodal Transportation Corridor Plan – August 2010” highlighting: 1) What is the Grand Boulevard Initiative?; 2) The Grand Boulevard Initiative Vision; 3) El Camino Real – State Route 82; 4) Grand Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Plan; 5) Existing Conditions & Planned Improvements; 6) Multimodal Access & Design; 7) Street Design Prototypes – Examples; 8) Analysis of Future Transit & Land Use; 9) Future Transit Needs & Recommended Service; 10) Corridor Operations & Management; and 11) Moving Forward.

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee received a report on the Grand Boulevard Initiative Multimodal Transportation Corridor Plan.

14. Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for April through June 2010

Robert Swierk, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the staff report.

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee received a presentation on the Proactive CMP Quarterly Report for April through June 2010.

COMBINED CAC AND CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE ITEMS

15. Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans

Stephen Flynn, Senior Management Analyst, announced: 1) a discussion on the tax stakeholder representation will be held at the September CAC meeting; and 2) at Chairperson Powers suggestions, there will be a farewell celebration for Gaye Morando at the September meeting.

Chairperson Powers requested, once scheduled, the joint advisory meeting be added to the work plan.

Member Tebo recommended the CAC invite former CAC member and City of San José employee Laura Stuchinsky to speak on the connection between the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport and BART.

Chairperson Powers recommended the CAC invite Rod Diridon Sr., chair emeritus and member of the California High Speed Rail Authority Board, to speak to the CAC.

On order of Chairperson Powers and there being no objection, the Committee reviewed the Citizens Advisory Committee and Citizens Watchdog Committee Work Plans.

OTHER

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

17. ADJOURNMENT

On order of Chairperson Powers, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Garcia, Board Assistant
VTA Office of the Board Secretary