

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
July 16, 2003 - 7:30 A.M.
Council Conference Room 240
City Hall

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH

OPENING: On order of the Mayor, the special joint meeting with Supervisor Michael Antonovich was called to order at 7:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.
Councilmember Victor Gordo (Absent)
Councilmember Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Chris Holden (Absent)
Councilmember Paul Little (Absent)
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Joyce Streater

Staff:

City Manager Cynthia J. Kurtz
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Jane Rodriguez

**UPDATE ON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
(Supervisor Antonovich)**

Supervisor Antonovich expressed optimism that Phase II of the Gold Line light rail will move forward, expressed his desire to see the line extended further to the 134 and 101 Freeways and connect to the Media Center and to San Fernando and Ventura County. He noted that would provide a real regional transportation network.

Supervisor Antonovich briefly discussed federal funding for design of Phase II, and noted Mr. Roger Snoble, Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. John Catoe, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, are supportive of a joint powers authority for Phase II. Supervisor Antonovich also briefly reported on recent appointments to the MTA, proposed legislation to increase the representation on the MTA, State budget impacts, and he responded to questions.

There was no formal action or follow-up on this item.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PARKING POLICY

Councilmember Madison noted there are two major Gold Line parking garages, the MTA will own and operate the garage at Sierra Madre Villa, and the Multimodal Operation and Development Entity (MODE) Board will jointly operate the Del Mar garage. He discussed issues pertaining to pricing for parking in the Gold Line structures, noted the City has other paid parking facilities in Old Pasadena and these parking fees are being reviewed, noted the MODE plans to charge \$60 per month for the Del Mar structure, and the MTA is planning to provide free parking at Sierra Madre Villa with approximately 100 of the best parking spaces reserved for a fee. Councilmember Madison stated the City is not requesting the Supervisor take any action regarding parking issues at this time, but he urged Supervisor Antonovich to be aware of the issue, as the City may have a request in the future for the Supervisor to look into the MTA's pricing policy.

Supervisor Antonovich responded that a technical advisory committee will be reporting to the MTA in August on the issue, and he is not aware of what the proposed committee recommendation will be.

Brief discussion ensued regarding other Gold Line parking spaces to be provided at the Fillmore Station; development of feeder lines throughout the County to connect to the light rail and the need to interface municipal transit lines with the rail lines; and whether there has been a cost analysis on subsidizing the parking at light rail stations versus the cost to provide the service that enables the public to reach the light rail stations without their automobiles. Supervisor Antonovich responded that he assumes there has been some type of cost analysis, but he is not aware of the details.

In response to a question, Supervisor Antonovich offered to follow up and let City staff know the specific person the MTA has assigned to be responsible for the management and operation of the Sierra Madre Villa parking structure.

(See continued discussion of this item on page 5.)

FUNDING FOR SYCAMORE FIELD IN HAHAMONGNA

Mayor Bogaard introduced the item, noted Sycamore Field is a proposed soccer field in Hahamongna at the northern end of the Arroyo Seco, and noted there have been discussions regarding what it would take to complete the field and put it into operation.

Councilmember Streator thanked Supervisor Antonovich for County staff's assistance in cleaning the trash from the area behind the dam, and noted the level of the playing field will need to be raised and this will be expensive. She noted the Hahamongna area also

goes through the County area and it is a regional draw for recreational use. She stressed the urgent need for additional soccer fields to meet public demand, and the desire to have this playing field completed.

Discussion ensued regarding whether County funds could assist toward the effort to complete the playing field; impacts of possible pending litigation regarding environmental issues; and the need to keep planning for completion of the field regardless of possible litigation. It was noted that the cost of this playing field is approximately \$2.4 million, approximately half the funding is already in place, the City has also been discussing funding with LaCañada Flintridge, and the need for a three-way partnership.

Supervisor Antonovich offered to follow-up on whether the County has Proposition A funding that could be used toward this effort.

LINCOLN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Councilmember Streater introduced the item, thanked Supervisor Antonovich for County cooperation regarding a development project along Lincoln and Montana, discussed the Lincoln Corridor Task Force and its facade improvement program, and noted there needs to be clarification of the eligibility of businesses between Vermont and Woodbury to participate in the County's redevelopment program. Councilmember Streater urged the County to consider these businesses eligible to use facade improvement funds in order to beautify the whole corridor.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development, stressed the need for the City and County to coordinate public works improvement projects for Lincoln Avenue, such as crosswalks, gateway signage, street furniture, and lighting, and he stressed the importance of treating Lincoln Avenue as one continuous corridor.

Ms. Jennifer Plaisted, Senior Deputy to Supervisor Antonovich, reported the County's redevelopment project is moving along, and the Board of Supervisors has approved an exclusive right to negotiate for the Lincoln Avenue Corridor in the County area. She noted an agreement is expected to be executed within the next 90 days.

Mr. Brosi Sztorch, Manager of the County's Economic/Redevelopment Division, discussed the County's revitalization program and responded to questions. He noted funds are not in the budget this year (for the area in question), and stated his staff would need to work with the Supervisor's office to identify need and a budget for consideration.

Councilmember Streater clarified that the area in question is a two-block area on both sides of Lincoln Avenue, between Vermont and

Woodbury. She noted there have been improvements to the businesses in Pasadena, and expressed concern that these two blocks will be an eyesore if nothing is done.

Supervisor Antonovich offered to have County staff check to see if any loans are available.

Councilmember Streator also noted the Task Force has a plan to have smaller trees planted between the existing palm trees in the corridor, and noted the City has done some plantings on the Pasadena side of the corridor. She requested the County consider continuing these plantings along the Lincoln Corridor to Woodbury Road.

Supervisor Antonovich responded this request can be given further consideration. On another issue, he noted the County is in current negotiations with Caltrans to take over responsibility for Rosemead Boulevard and median island renovation. He noted both beautification proposals will be given consideration.

Councilmember Streator raised a third issue pertaining to the Lincoln Corridor, and expressed Task Force concerns regarding intimidation activities, blocking of the streets, alleged drug sales, etc. with a business at Vermont and Lincoln, and lack of cooperation from the County Sheriff's Department in addressing the problems. Ms. Plaisted offered to follow-up on the matter.

SHUTTLES TO THE GOLD LINE FROM ALTADENA AND CHAPMAN WOODS

Councilmember Haderlein suggested the City and County work together and explore ways to expand the Pasadena ARTS bus system to unincorporated County areas in Altadena and Chapman Woods. He noted the benefits would be people could get to the Gold Line easier, pressure is taken off of parking structures, and there would be less traffic on local streets.

Mr. David Pilker, of the County Department of Public Works, responded there is an interest to work together, noted a study is being done for the unincorporated area of Chapman Woods and Altadena regarding transit needs, a scope of work should be ready later this year, and noted this is a good opportunity to work with the City of Pasadena. He noted the outcome of the study is to develop a possible transit program.

Councilmember Haderlein stressed the benefits to the community of a City and County partnership, and he expressed an interest in being involved in working toward such an effort.

It was noted Joyce Amerson, Director of Transportation, would be the City contact person, and David Pilker of the L.A. County Department of Public Works would be the County contact person.

It was noted that it would also be important to have conversations with the City of San Marino. Mr. Pilker offered to follow up with San Marino officials. It was also suggested San Marino resident Laurie Barlow, who has championed to extend the ARTS bus system to San Marino, be invited to participate in discussions.

HEALTHCARE FUNDING UPDATE (Supervisor Antonovich)

Mayor Bogaard introduced the item, noted it is a challenge to provide health care to both the insured and uninsured, and suggested there may be ways the City and County can work together to alleviate the situation.

Supervisor Antonovich discussed County financial problems and legal issues/court intervention regarding County health care and staffing, and financial impacts to the County due to the lack of Federal reimbursements.

Discussion ensued regarding the impacts of immigration on health care, the Federal government's border patrol policy, and impacts to local government budgets.

Wilma Allen, Director of Public Health, expressed appreciation to Supervisor Antonovich for his support for continued funding for the Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (CHAP), and noted there will be continued reliance for County funding for CHAP. Ms. Allen stated Congressman Adam Schiff has provided support for CHAP funding, noted Congressman David Dreier will be asked to support CHAP's application for federal funding, and she requested Supervisor Antonovich's assistance to help influence Congressman Dreier. Supervisor Antonovich responded affirmatively to Ms. Allen's request.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PARKING POLICY (Continued from page 2 of these minutes)

Mr. Robin Blair, Project Manager, MTA, responded to questions regarding the Sierra Madre Villa parking structure, and discussed parking needs at the Lake Avenue Station and arrangements with the Lake Avenue Congregational Church to provide some parking for that station.

Ms. Amerson stressed the need for City staff to be able to have further discussions with MTA officials regarding operational issues pertaining to the Sierra Madre Villa Station.

Councilmember Haderlein noted the need to be able to notify motorists on the 210 Freeway when the Sierra Madre Villa Station is full.

Acting Police Chief Wayne Hiltz stated congestion on Foothill Boulevard will also be an issue, noted the Sheriff's Department and the Pasadena Police have a good working relationship, the Pasadena Police will handle patrols on the streets around the stations, and there will be additional staffing the first week of the Gold Line opening.

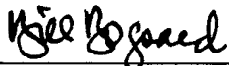
MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Councilmember Streater stated there is fencing damage at the flood control channel where the fencing interfaces with the Rose Bowl, and requested this fencing be repaired before the football season.

Mr. David Pilker, County Department of Public Works, offered to follow up on the request.

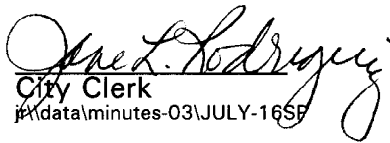
On order of the Mayor, the special joint meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk
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