

WISPPA Meeting Minutes 1/6/18

Present: Bianca Richards, Dollie Chapman, Kelly Rivers, Ellen Wood, Camille Levee, Emmanuel Ramirez, Jerome Jordan, Cassandra Kaldor, Barbara Sinclair, Faith Lee, Diane Crum, Bruce Crum, Kim Hughes, Suzie Abajian, Sean Abajian, Yvonne Pine, Judith Harris, Lynda Sullivan, Lela Bissner, Diana Mahmud, Deborah LeMattré, Ellen Daigle, Mitch Lehman, Kay Moravian, Florence Nelson, Janet Braun, Vicky Bartlett, Steven Lawrence, Linda Krausen.

Call to Order: 9:03AM by **WISPPA** President, Bianca Richards-
Introductions and information about schedule for the meeting.

Introduction to Speaker Chris Holden, State of CA Assemblymember: 9:09AM by So Pasadena City Councilwoman, Diana Mahmud

Summary of Presentation's Main Points (Per Faith Lee, Field Representative to Assemblymember Holden):

- 710 tunnel project Legislation will be continued through AB 533
- AB 533 would limit the portion of Route 710 included in the California freeway and expressway system to the portion between Route 1 and Route 10.

Arroyo Seco Trail Ground Breaking

- Arroyo Seco Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Groundbreaking was in June.
- Mr. Holden secured \$410,000 from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to fund this effort.

2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Addressing the housing crisis...

- SB 2 by Atkins. This urgency bill establishes the Building Homes and Jobs Act and imposes a \$75 fee on real estate transaction documents, excluding commercial and residential real estate sales, to provide funding for affordable housing. This legislation is expected to generate \$200 - \$300 million annually depending on the volume of recorded documents.
- SB 3 by Beall enacts the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 and authorizes the issuance of \$4 billion in general obligation (GO) bonds for affordable housing programs and a veteran's home ownership program, subject to approval by the voters in the November 6, 2018 election.
- SB 3 by Weiner creates a streamlined, approval process for infill developments in localities that have failed to meet their regional housing needs assessment (RHNA) numbers.

(Assemblymember Holden's Main Points cont'd, Page 2) Addressing Climate Change...

- In July, the legislature passed and the Governor signed AB 398 and AB 617 to extend and improve California's groundbreaking cap and trade program, and strengthen air quality provisions in areas with the worst air pollution.
- The air quality agreement prioritizes the state's most disadvantaged communities who face the greatest burden of pollution.
- Ensuring the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund is stabilized and can continue to fund low and no emissions transportation projects like the Gold Line.

SENATE BILL 100

- Mr. Holden voted for SB 100 (De León) when it was first heard in my committee earlier this summer.
- SB 100 came back to my committee for amendments late in the legislative process with very vocal opposition that arose only in the last week of the legislative year.
- There was not sufficient time to vet those concerns and consider how they could be addressed.
- This bill can be heard again this year.

New Plans for 2018...

- Eliminating the 710 tunnel option.
- AB 279
- Student Transit Pass Pilot Program
- This program would provide free and reduced-cost transit passes to low income students.

Question and Answer period followed Assemblyman Holden's talk.

Resumption of WISPPA Business Meeting: 10:15AM: Bianca Richards, President, presiding

Announcement re: joint WISPPA/Friends of the So Pasadena Library presentation of the documentary film, Sands of Silence, about human trafficking and sexual exploitation of women, to be shown at the Library Community Room on Wednesday 1/10/18 at 7:30PM. \$5 donation requested.

Safety Commission Report: Ellen Daigle

1. So Pasadena firefighters participated in fighting the recent fires in California.
2. Grant has been established to study homelessness encampment.
3. So Pasadena Convalescent Hospital has been recertified by the State of CA and is running well.

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4. The City of So Pasadena is no longer contracting out for parking enforcement.

Planning Commission Report: Janet Braun

1. There was a joint meeting of Planning and Transportation Commissions in 11/2017.
2. Mosaic Church: conditional use permit continued; church has been diligent about working on parking. Commission believes church's conditional use permit should be predicated upon the church keeping up their end of use permit: need to renovate premises, manage parking, etc. Commission is keeping watch over this.
3. Domino's Pizza Carry-Out is going in on the corner by Mosaic Church. Will be open until 1AM every day. Braun voted against this but was out-voted.
4. As per Diana Mahmud, City of So Pasadena is looking at passing an earthquake retrofit law wherein homeowners can finance retro fitting, paying it off through property tax payments. The city did pass an unreinforced masonry ordinance and building owners are on a timeline to have retrofitting finished. (This applies to the building housing Mosaic Church.)

City Council Report: Bianca Richards with Diana Mahmud

1. Monterey Rd. issues: no road diets placed, no bike lanes; City Council is saving money by scrutinizing contracts.
2. Dr. Richard Schneider is Mayor; Dr. Marina Khubersian is Mayor Pro-Tem.

Transportation Commission Report: Kim Hughes

The So Pasadena Commission is working regionally with other cities such as Alhambra and Pasadena to submit to the state for funding "regional transportation proposals."

Chamber of Commerce Announcement: A grant has been awarded by an organization that was started in the FDR era to provide work for "out of work" actors/actresses. Two plays are being produced in So Pasadena under this grant, one at Fremont Center Theater and another at the So Pasadena Library Community Room. Actors/Actresses are needed to audition/participate. Contact So Pasadena Chamber for more info.

City Announcements:

1. Paul Toor, long time Public Works Director of the City of So Pasadena, resigned.
2. Stephanie DeWolfe is the new City Manager for the City of So Pasadena.

M/S/C: Purchase/send flowers NTE ("not to exceed") \$100 expenditure from a So Pasadena independent florist for Betty Emirhanian, WISPPA Board Member, who has recently had surgery.

Adjournment: 10:40AM by Bianca Richards

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Judith M. Harris, WISPPA Secretary

