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Thursday January 12, 2006 – 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority

Regular Board Meeting Board of Directors

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Third Floor
Board of Supervisor's Hearing Room 381B

Called to Order at 2:43 p.m.

Directors Present:

Yvonne B. Burke, Chair
Jan Perry, Vice Chair
Pam O'Connor
Bernard Parks
Carol Gross, Alternate
Martha Welborne
Zev Yaroslavsky
Roger Snoble, Ex Officio Member

Officers:

Richard D. Thorpe, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Nancy Smith, General Counsel
Juanita Carey, Board Secretary

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Called
3. APPROVED Minutes of Meeting held December 1, 2005
4. RECEIVED NO Public Comment (On/Off Agenda)
5. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items on Consent Calendar

6. GENERAL BOARD ACTION ITEM(S)

- A. APPROVED staff recommendation for the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Fiscal Year 06 Budget.

The vote was unanimous.

- B. APPROVED staff recommendation for the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority FY06 Staffing Plan.

Madam Chair asked that the selection of a permanent Chief Executive Officer be agendized for the February 2006 Board Meeting.

Madam Chair suggested that all Board Members send in resumes for candidates they feel are appropriate for the positions and to encourage them to apply. Mr. Thorpe informed the Board that all jobs would be posted on the Expo Website at www.buildexpo.org.

The vote was unanimous.

- C. APPROVED staff recommendation for the proposed Employee Personnel Policy and Employee Manual.

The vote was unanimous.

- D. APPROVED staff recommendation for the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority proposed Employee Pension Program.

The vote was unanimous.

- E. APPROVED staff recommendation to adopt the proposed Metro Line Construction Authority Administrative Code Amendments.

Madam Chair and Director Yaroslavsky asked for clarification on the Board Members rights to speak with subordinate staff on specific issues.

Director Gross directed the Board Members to Page 11 of the Administrative Code, where it states, “except for the purpose of inquiry”

Director Yaroslavsky asked Mr. Thorpe, if he understood that wording to be clarification for the Board’s concern.

Mr. Thorpe acknowledged that he did.

The vote was unanimous.

7. GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

A. RECEIVED Monthly Project Status Report

Mr. Thorpe made a presentation on the status of the monthly progress of the Exposition Light Rail Transit Project. He stated that the FTA is required to issue a Record of Decision prior to awarding a Design-Build contract, and staff is hoping to receive it within the next few weeks.

Madam Chair commented that she read an article, where a columnist had been contacted by a community person and started a complaint process, and suggested that staff address those issues within the community.

Mr. Thorpe commented that staff would be addressing those issues.

Director Perry inquired if there was an anticipated date for the Record of Decision.

Mr. Thorpe stated that the FTA promised their comments by January 20th. He said that if the comments are extensive, he plans to go to San Francisco to discuss the comments directly with the FTA, and is hoping to get a commitment on the date FTA will issue the Record of Decision. Mr. Thorpe will report back to the Board in February on the progress made towards FTA issuing the Record of Decision.

8. CEO COMMENTS

None

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Madam Chair stated that Director Parks commented about the timing of receiving board material and suggested having committees.

Director Parks commented that he received his board material on Wednesday, the day before Board Meeting.

Mr. Thorpe stated that board material was sent to all board members by courier on Friday, the week prior to the board meeting; and followed up with an e-mail. He informed the Board that staff's goal is to send board materials out on the Friday prior to the Board Meeting.

Madam Chair asked that all board members provide the current mailing addresses and their respective recipients' names that should be receiving board agenda information.

Mr. Thorpe stated that establishment of committees are allowed for within the State Legislation, and deferred to the Board if they would like to have committees.

Madam Chair asked that Mr. Thorpe bring back to the February Board, a list of the Committees that were utilized on the Metro Gold Line Construction Authority.

10. ADJOURNED at 4:47 p.m.

Prepared by: Juanita Carey
Board Secretary