

ECOS BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 7, 2004

Minutes

President Andy Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Introductions were made.

I. Approval of June 2, 2004 Minutes

A motion was made to correct the June 2nd minutes wording of the agenda item Elk Grove - Folsom Bypass be changed to the Elk Grove, Folsom, El Dorado County Bypass.

Action Item: The minutes of June 2nd were deemed approved, as amended, by unanimous consent.

II. Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Request for Organizational Membership

Tony DeRiggi, representing the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society, serving Yolo, El Dorado and Sacramento Counties, requested organizational membership in ECOS.

Action Item: Ann Kohl made a motion to grant the request for membership, seconded by John Hopkins. Motion carried unanimously.

III. SACMET/MEPLAN Modeling Results for ECOS Transportation Vision

Need support on ECOS vision from RT. Prof. Robert Johnston will be presenting draft to RT on July 26th and Michael Clay will present the draft to the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee on July 28th. Include the SACOG D Scenario map along with the Modeling Project Draft. Ann Kohl will make arrangements to reschedule the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Action Item: Ann Kohl moved to endorse the Minetta project which models the ECOS 50-year transportation vision. Seconded by Warren Cushman. Motion carried unanimously. ECOS will look forward to receiving the complete report.

IV. Measure A

Andy Sawyer reported on efforts to oppose Measure A. He has had requests from RT to meet with them to change our position. Andy suggested that RT meet with the Executive Committee. It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled for July 13th with Bob Waste and another meeting on July 20th with Dr. Beverly Scott. Warren Cushman discussed the need to organize an Anti Measure A campaign by building a coalition with other organizations, contacting the press and raising monies. The following ECOS members volunteered to serve on the Measure A Campaign Committee: Warren Cushman, Jim Pachl, Amanda Schramm, Betsy Weiland, and Mindy Cecchettini. The Committee will be chaired by Warren and Betsy.

The Executive Committee will work on developing the campaign and formalize comments at their next meeting on July 20th.

V. Environmentalist Of The Year Award

The Executive Committee will make the final decision on EOY at their next meeting. Suggestions were made for EOY. Those recommended were Terry

Davis, Dave Jones, Eva Butler, Ann Kohl, and Ray Tretheway. Amanda Schramm

announced that the EOY Awards Program is scheduled for September 18th. Check the ECOS web site for information, tickets, prices, etc. The event will be held at the Masonic Temple Ball Room, entertainment will be provided by the Haute Trash Performers, Mick Martin, and food will be donated from local restaurants. Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$55 including ECOS membership for new members. Andy encouraged all of the Board members to be sponsors for the event.

VI. Smart Growth Leadership Recognition Program

Paul Menard reported that they have been working for over a year with the American Institute of Architects local chapter to develop the Smart Growth Leadership Recognition Program. They will contact local developers letting them know about the program and how they can receive recognition for their projects. There are still certain aspects under development: make up of Review Committee—one-half AIA and one-half ECOS members; evaluation guidelines to be used by the committee; endorsement programs to be used by different organizations; and feedback.

Action Item: John Hopkins made a motion, seconded by Rick Bettis, to approve the Smart Growth Leadership Recognition Program developed by the ECOS Land Use Committee and the American Institute of Architects - Central Valley chapter. Motion carried.

VII. Natomas Joint Vision

Need to work on language for November Ballot Measure. Passage by majority of City voters would establish a northern City limit line and urban services boundary of the City which could not be changed without a vote of the

people. The city needs to hear that voters should be offered an alternative proposal that the Northern City Limit Line be the existing City limit in Natomas, not the Council's proposal which would allow another 7,500 acres of suburban sprawl over valuable habitat, open space, and farmland.

The Land Use Committee will meet on July 13th to discuss changing the draft ordinance. Anyone interested in working on this issue should connect with committee members.

VIII. Blueprint Project

The Blueprint Project needs to make sure in the process of receiving input on the final scenarios, that the original 5,000 citizens are still involved in the feedback. Elected officials are being invited to the Blueprint Project's final "summit" meeting to go over the preferred

scenarios. We need to make sure that this is still accessible to the public and there will be still be opportunities to comment. There is no scheduled date, but the final summit should be some time in October. Andy will work with Amanda and write a letter raising our concerns about not involving the public in the process.

IX. Committee Reports

Land Use

Action Item: Ann Kohl nominated John Hopkins to chair a Committee with will deal with ECOS Vision, pro-active approaches, USB language, new ideas, meetings with County Staff. Motion seconded by Jude Lamare. Motion approved unanimously.

New Committee - ECOS Habitat Committee

Action Item: Jude Lamare moved, seconded by Barb Williams to establish a new Habitat Committee and appoint the following people to serve on the committee: Barbara Williams, John Hopkins, Jim Pachl, Alta Tura, Dorothy Harvey and Betsy Weiland. Andy asked Barbara to chair the committee. Motion carried unanimously. Additional volunteers are needed.

Hurley Revitalization Project

Ann Kohl reported that the public hearing for the project is scheduled for July 15th. Letters of support are needs. This is the only project suggested and supported by community groups.

X. Announcements

July 22nd: City Council to discuss Downtown Arena on July 22nd.

July 28th: Sacramento Housing Alliance "Affordable Housing" Board of Supervisors

August 15th: Intermodal Project Workshop

City of Rancho Cordova is preparing their vision for their general plan process. Affordable housing needs to be included in general plan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Prepared by Kathie Howard, Board Secretary