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Minutes of  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
February 7, 1980

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Directors Present: Marvin L. Holen, President  
Ruth E. Richter, Vice-President  
Donald Gibbs  
David K. Hayward  
Gerald B. Leonard  
Mike Lewis  
Carl Meseck  
Thomas G. Neusom  
Jay B. Price  
Charles H. Storing  
George Takei

Staff Present: Samuel M. Black, General Manager Pro Tempore  
George L. McDonald  
Joe B. Scatchard  
Richard T. Powers  
Richard Gallagher  
David D. Dominguez  
✓Paul Taylor  
Helen M. Bolen

Also Present: Members of the public

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No. A

The Board received a report dated January 30, 1980 on the 1980 Sector Improvement Program: Proposed Phasing of Implementation. Mr. Taylor explained the phasing of the program, indicating that Phase I can be done at no cost to the District and is approximately 10% of the total Program. Phase II, or about 5% of the Program, would cost approximately \$2½ million to implement. He indicated that staff does not foresee, within the next 18 months, the funds necessary to implement Phase III, or approximately 85% of the Program.

Agenda Item No. A - Continued

Mr. McDonald indicated that the plan represents a desirable improvement in public transportation. If funding can be found for Phase II, that program can be implemented approximately 2½ months behind Phase I.

There was discussion concerning assumptions made by the staff to determine items of no cost to be implemented as Phase I. Mr. Taylor indicated that vehicle hours and current patronage checks were the criteria used for these determinations.

Greg Roberts appeared with questions concerning Line 35. Staff will investigate his suggestions, with a report to be brought to the Advance Planning Committee.

On motion of Director Price, seconded and unanimously carried, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of Phase I to be implemented on or about June 15, 1980.

On motion of Director Price, seconded and carried with Director Gibbs voting "No", the Committee of the Whole recommended that the staff move forward on implementation of Phase II, subject to funding availability.

Agenda Item No. B

Prior to the formal consideration of Agenda Item No. B, Director Leonard stated that he has been involved in the transportation field for many years. He indicated that he has spoken with the District's General Counsel as to what role he should pursue in view of his intent to seek employment in the private sector. Director Leonard then announced that he, at this time, was stepping down from the Chairmanship of the Rapid Transit Committee and will refrain from voting on rapid transit matters that could be perceived as a possible conflict of interest.

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President Holen thanked Director Leonard for his comments and accepted his offer to withdraw from the Rapid Transit Committee. President Holen then appointed Director Gibbs as a member of the Rapid Transit Committee, with Director Meseck as Chairman of the Committee. Director Leonard was then appointed as Chairman of the Administration, Efficiency & Economy Committee.

In this same vein, Director Lewis indicated that he has been appointed as Acting Chief Deputy to Supervisor Schabarum and in view of his increased duties, he asked to be removed from the Personnel Committee. President Holen indicated that he would consider Director Lewis' request.

Mr. Gallagher gave a brief overview report on the Rapid Transit Starter Project. He indicated that the final draft of the Alternative Analysis EIR/EIS report will be sent to UMTA on February 8. He indicated that UMTA has been waiting for the California Transportation Commission to act as a result of AB 1429. Gallagher reported that the Joint Development consultant is on board and is working on the station sites. The City Planning Department is involved in this project and staff has been interfacing with them.

Mr. Gallagher also stated that the staff recommendation on the project control system interviews will be made at the Rapid Transit Committee meeting scheduled for February 14.

Letters of intent from those interested in being considered for the Board of Geotechnical Consultants are due by February 11th, and Mr. Gallagher stated he would make his recommendations to the Rapid Transit Committee as soon as possible thereafter. He indicated that the first contract to these individuals will be for Phase I to prepare RFP's and help evaluate the responses from all geophysical firms responding to the RFP's.

It was stressed by President Holen that the Rapid Transit Committee deliberations are open to all Board members. It is important that all Board members be privy to all information.

(Director Leonard left the meeting at 2:17 p.m.)

Agenda Item No. B - Continued

President Holen reported on the California Transportation Commission report on the District's public hearing process on the Starter Line Project. He indicated that there were two findings which were not true; 1) that there was no representation of hispanic groups, and 2) that a closing time had been set for the hearings. President Holen stated that within the confines of the political environment, the District did a good job of presenting the facts and he thanked the staff for a job well done. He also indicated that a letter be written to the California Transportation Commission staff thanking them for their efforts on this matter.

At the request of President Holen, General Counsel Powers spoke at length on Conflict of Interest. He began by indicating that if you question whether a conflict of interest may exist, it probably does. Mr. Powers covered the Conflict of Interest Laws of the State of California, which require disclosure of investments and interests in real property and source and nature of personal income and gifts; i.e., personal income in excess of \$250, gifts in excess of \$25 and real property within the District's operating area. He then spoke to the Federal Law and UMTA's A102 regulations which applies to all grantees of federal funds. The federal regulations indicate that no gifts or gratuities can be accepted, including dinners or other gratuities from a contractor or a potential contractor. He urged that Board and staff members keep in mind that if a vendor entertains you as a representative of the District, the vendor writes that expense off as a business deduction.

Mr. Powers indicated that he checked with the County of Los Angeles who distributes the Conflict of Interest forms to the District. The forms will be sent to the District next week and will be distributed by the Secretary's Office.

President Holen thanked Mr. Powers for his comments and stated that no one appreciates a lecture on personal integrity, but the safeguards are necessary. President Holen also recommended that no RFP's or bids be sent out that does not refer to the Conflict of Interest regulations in the cover letter.

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Agenda Item C

The Committee of the Whole received the report on the Firestone Tire Litigation Settlement dated February 1, 1980. The report was received and filed.

California Highway Patrol Inspection

Director Richter asked for a report on the California Highway Patrol inspection on February 6. Mr. Black reported that all divisions except one had passed the inspection which is a marked improvement over previous inspections. He indicated that this is the result of a yeoman job on the part of the Maintenance Department.

Report by Director Neusom

Director Neusom reported that he had attended a conference in Oakland relating to crime in the inner cities. He indicated that the conference was well attended and that crime has a severe impact on people living in the inner cities, and that these people are willing to assist all agencies in the reduction of crime.

He indicated that a conference will be held in Los Angeles to mobilize forces against crime in the inner city. He said this is an opportunity to get cooperation within our service area to deter criminal activities on our buses. He requested that someone from the District become involved in this conference.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

  
District Secretary