



Agenda Item C.5
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
Meeting Date: December 16, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Selection of City Council Representatives to Regional Agencies and City Council Committees

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint members of the City Council to serve as representatives and alternates to various regional intergovernmental organizations and internal Standing and Ad-hoc City Council Committees.

BACKGROUND:

It has been the practice that in December of each year, the City Council selects representatives from among its members to serve on various regional boards and committees, as well as on internal City standing and ad-hoc committees. There are 15 Regional Agencies on which the City has representation, four internal City standing committees and eleven internal ad-hoc committees. Furthermore, there are six regional organizations that require an alternate be appointed.

For purposes of this staff report, these opportunities have been organized into three parts, each with its own attached summary table.

Attachment 1 provides a list of the regional agencies, intergovernmental boards, commissions, task forces, etc. that the City of Goleta has been represented on by City Councilmembers. Several of these entities have a primary and an alternate appointed. If "N/A" is designated in the "Alternate" field it means that an alternate is not required.

Attachment 2 is the list of internal standing committees. The Brown Act defines a standing committee as a legislative body that exists year round and has continuing subject matter jurisdiction or a meeting schedule fixed by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body, per Government code chapter 54952.(b). The City has four standing committees.

Attachment 3 is the list of internal ad-hoc committees. Over the course of the City's history, the City Council has established a variety of ad-hoc subcommittees most often focused on single subjects or tasks. Ad-hoc committees are intended to focus on short term goals and once the purpose and intent of the committee is accomplished they cease to exist.

City Councilmembers were provided a list of the appointment positions shortly after the December 2, 2008 Council meeting. Individually, each City Councilmember has now had the opportunity to indicate their appointment preferences and provide this feedback directly to staff as indicated on Attachments 1, 2, and 3.

Provided below is summary information about each committee or board. Further information about these various boards, committees and commissions are also available in the City Clerk's office. In some cases, staff has provided information or suggestions for modifications to committee structures, consolidation of committees or elimination of assignments.

REGIONAL AGENCIES:

In keeping with action taken by the City Council in prior years, it is suggested that the Council discuss board, committee, and commission appointments and select representatives to serve on the various bodies for the 2009 calendar year. The boards, committees and commissions under consideration are:

1. Air Pollution Control District Board

The APCD is a local government agency that is responsible for ensuring that Santa Barbara County residents and the environment are protected from the affects of air pollution. APCD was initially a part of County government, but in 1995 became an independent agency when City representatives were appointed to their governing Board. The Board is composed of five County Supervisors plus a City Council Member or Mayor from each of the County's eight cities. The Board meets every other month on the third Thursday.

2. Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment Board (BEACON)

BEACON is a California Joint Powers Agency established to focus on coastal erosion and beach issues on the Central Coast of California. BEACON is composed of representatives from: Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties and the Cities of Port Hueneme, Oxnard, San Buenaventura, Carpinteria, Goleta and Santa Barbara. BEACON also works on issues affecting ocean water quality and beach and ocean pollution. BEACON meets every other month on the second Friday. A primary and an alternate appointment are requested.

3. California Joint Powers Insurance Authority

California JPIA is a local government entity comprised of and governed by its members to provide insurance services. It was formed in 1977 by 33 cities to provide liability insurance protection. It has grown to now include more than 111 member agencies, 95 cities and towns, 10 joint power authorities, and 6 special districts. California JPIA provides general liability, workers' compensation, crime, environmental liability, property, earthquake, and special events insurance. Each member city has one representative to the Authority. California JPIA meets annually in July.

4. Coastal Express Policy Committee

The Coastal Express is a commuter bus service that is operated by the Ventura Intercity Service Transit Authority (VISTA) and SBCAG. Both entities contribute funding to the Coastal Express. The Coastal Express Policy Committee is comprised of two representatives from Santa Barbara County and two from Ventura County. The Policy Committee meets annually or on an as needed basis.

5. Community Action Commission Board

The Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County is a social service agency that serves low-income residents and provides opportunities and resources to assist residents to become self sufficient and independent. The CAC has over 400 full and part time employees and the agency has served over 8,750 people in Santa Barbara County since 2005. The four components of CAC are: Family and Youth Services, Environmental Services, Nutrition Services, and Children's Services. The CAC meets the first Wednesday of every month in Buellton.

6. The Foundation for Girsh Park

Girsh Park has the distinction of being the only active recreation park in the City of Goleta. The 25-acre facility is owned and operated by The Foundation for Girsh Park, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. The park includes three Little League fields, a large baseball field, a softball field, an international size soccer field, basketball courts, a community room, group picnic area, and playground and family picnic areas. The City Council representative is an honorary, non voting member of the Board. The Council appointed Bill Millar, the City's Manager of Parks and Open Spaces, to serve as Goleta's representative to the Board.

7. Goleta Valley Community Center Board

The non-profit Goleta Valley Community Center was founded in 1978, taking over the facility once known as the Goleta Union School District building. With a \$410,000 grant from the Coastal Conservancy, the 7.5 acre/25,000 sq. ft. building facility was purchased by the County for use as a Community Center. The City of Goleta is now under contract to become owners of the facility in 2012. The Board of Directors consists of nine members. The purpose of the Center is to provide low-cost meeting space to not-for-profit groups or private groups who might not otherwise be able to afford permanent facilities, and to sponsor a Senior Program that includes activities and senior resources. The GVCC Board meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

8. Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group

The Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group was established in June 2001 by the County Board of Supervisors and the Santa Barbara City Council and it is comprised of representatives from cities, special districts, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Air Pollution Control District, Vandenberg Air Force Base and the County of Santa Barbara. The Task Group is designed to provide a forum for communities within Santa Barbara County to

discuss and plan for long-term solid waste management strategies and facilities. A primary and an alternate are requested. Staff recommends that the Councilmember that serves on this Task Group also serve on the City's Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste.

9. Parks and Recreation Task Group

The Parks and Recreation Task Group is comprised of representatives from the Santa Barbara City Council, the Goleta City Council, the Director of the Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department and City of Goleta Manager of Parks and Open Spaces. The purpose of this task group is to meet regularly to discuss regional coordination and cooperation on recreation issues affecting both cities. The task group meets the third Wednesday of the month at various locations.

Staff from the City of Goleta, the Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department, County of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation, and Isla Vista Parks and Recreation met in May 2008, to discuss the goals and vision of this Task Group. At that time it was suggested that the group meet on an as needed basis. Staff is recommending that the Parks and Recreation Task Group merge with the City Council Committee on Recreation to take up issues from the Task Group as they arise.

10. Regional Integrated Waste Management Reporting Authority

The Regional Integrated Waste Management Reporting Authority is comprised of representatives from Santa Barbara County and the Cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta. The purpose is to collectively file an annual report to the California Integrated Waste Management Board on the area's diversion compliance with AB 939 which mandated that 50% of waste be diverted from landfills. The Regional Integrated Waste Management Reporting Authority meets annually. A primary and an alternate are requested.

Staff recommends that the Councilmember and alternate that serve on this Board also serve on the City's Ad Hoc Committee on Solid Waste.

11. Santa Barbara Airport Commission

On December 9, 2008, the Santa Barbara City Council approved a request for a City of Goleta representative to serve as a non-voting liaison who would attend the Santa Barbara Airport Commission Board meetings. This would be a new appointment. The Commission, which is comprised of seven members, advises the Santa Barbara City Council on general functions of the Airport. The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Airport Administration Conference Room, 601 Firestone Road.

12. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG)

SBCAG is a regional planning agency comprised of Santa Barbara County and all eight cities within the county. SBCAG distributes all state, local and federal transportation funds and acts as a forum for addressing regional and multi-jurisdictional issues, including the distribution of the Regional Housing Assessment numbers. The SBCAG thirteen-member Board of Directors consists of a city council representative from the eight incorporated cities in Santa Barbara County and the five members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. The Board

meets the third Thursday of the month from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A primary and an alternate are requested.

13. Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD)

On October 1, 2007, Council appointed then Councilmember Aceves as the City of Goleta's Representative to serve on the Board of Director's of the Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) for the period of one year. At this time Council could choose to extend the current appointment term, make a new appointment for a set period of time, or consider opening up the appointment to a representative from the community, similar to the representation from Carpinteria, and the City and County of Santa Barbara.

14. The South Coast Affordable Housing Task Group

A significant and challenging shortage of ownership and rental housing affordable to households of low and moderate income exists on the South Coast of Santa Barbara County. The City Council of the City of Santa Barbara and the Board of Supervisors of the County established the Joint Affordable Housing Task Group on July 19, 1999 to explore areas of potential cooperation for assisting affordable housing. The City of Carpinteria and the City of Goleta subsequently joined this task group in the spirit of cooperation as affordable housing needs transcend jurisdictions. The Task Group meets quarterly on the third Thursdays of January, April, July, and October. Meeting locations rotate among the four participating jurisdictions. The City of Goleta representative, Councilmember Bennett, is currently the chair of the Task Group.

15. South Coast Homeless Advisory Committee of Santa Barbara County

This Committee plays a pivotal role in the implementation of the Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness. The Committee currently includes participation by elected representatives of the County of Santa Barbara, the City of Santa Barbara and the City of Goleta. An invitation to participate is currently being extended to the City of Carpinteria. Membership on the committee also includes representatives from homeless shelter providers, low-income housing providers, social service providers, homeless advocacy groups, and homeless representatives. Elected representatives are to be appointed by their respective jurisdictions for a term to be decided by that jurisdiction. The Committee meets every 1-2 months. Staff recommends that Council select a member representative to serve on the Committee and to designate the length of that term.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The purpose of City Council committees is to enable Councilmembers and Staff to work closely on strategic priorities of the City Council and collaborate on a number of issues important to the City. Often, Committees serve as an opportunity to brainstorm and vet issues prior to their coming to Council for action.

The Council is not required to maintain existing ad-hoc committees. At any time, a majority of the Council may establish a new ad-hoc or standing committee or eliminate or modify existing committees. Council is being asked to review the list of existing committees to re-affirm Council's interest in maintaining, amending or

eliminating committees. As part of this review, Council should provide direction to the City Clerk on the appointment of Councilmembers to serve on ad-hoc and/or standing committees.

Standing Committees:

At present there are four City standing committees on the following subject areas under the jurisdiction of the noted staff members:

1. **Economic Development and Revitalization (Adomaitis)**
2. **Finance (Rivera)**
3. **Ordinance Review (Constantino)**
4. **[UCSB] Town and Gown (Chase)**

Ad-hoc Committees:

At present there are eleven Ad-hoc Committees, as the purpose of these committees are refined, they will be reviewed and where appropriate, recommendations to change designations from ad-hoc to standing will be made. Staff has several recommendations which are detailed under the appropriate committee.

1. **Community Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Committee**

This Committee was previously known as the CDBG Action Plan Committee. The Action Plan is complete and the focus of the Committee will be on making CDBG funding recommendations.

2. **City Council Chambers/City Hall Office Space Committee**

The task of this Committee has been to provide recommendations and assistance to staff on the current and future needs of City Hall as it related to the City Council Chambers and City Hall Office Space issues.

Staff recommends that the City Council may wish to shorten the name of the Committee to "City Hall Needs Committee."

3. **Energy Issues Committee**

The Energy Issues Committee is focused on energy issues as they relate to Venoco, operations in Goleta. The Committee works closely with the Planning and Environmental Services Department and the Santa Barbara County Energy Division.

4. **General Plan Litigation Committee**

This Committee was created in response to General Plan Litigation as a means to creating dialogue between the litigants and the City.

Staff is recommending the disbandment of the Ad-hoc Committee as it is no longer needed.

5. Goleta Partnership for Preparedness

This entity, known as "GP4P," is a partnership between the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Barbara County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the City of Goleta. The purpose of the partnership is to increase emergency preparedness awareness and efforts in our community.

6. Legislative Issues Committee

The Legislative Committee meets on an as-needed basis to review federal, state and local legislative issues regarding their impact on the City and to provide input to federal and state legislators and other governmental bodies on the position of the City on various measures.

7. Mobile Home Rent Control Committee

The Mobile Home Rent Control Committee has been focused on the issues involved with rent control and mobile homes, especially as it relates to the Rancho Mobile Estates. Defending the local mobile home rent control ordinance has been a high priority for the City of Goleta for six years.

8. Public Safety

At the December 2007 meeting, the City Council chose to create two new positions: a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department Liaison and a Santa Barbara County Fire Department Liaison. The purpose was to create and foster a working relationship with these two public safety and emergency entities that serve our community and to provide direction on policy-related actions and activities.

The goal of the liaison approach has not changed; however, staff is recommending a change to the current structure. At the November 17, 2008, City Council meeting, the Council approved a change to one of the Strategic Plan Goals from "Public Safety" to "Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness." Given this, staff is recommending that the current liaison structure be changed to create a standing committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. The Goleta Partnership for Preparedness Committee would be folded into this new Committee, thereby providing an ideal venue for the new committee to directly address issues and initiatives related to Strategic Goal No. 13 "Enhance Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness."

9. Recognition Committee

The City's Recognition Committee considers and recommends awarding recognitions in the form of Certificates of Appreciation, Recognition, Merit, etc., to community members and others that benefit the City of Goleta and the larger community.

10. Recreation Committee

The focus of the Recreation Committee is to create recreation and leisure opportunities for City residents or respond to such requests from outside organizations. This past year, the Recreation Committee oversaw a process to create a recreation asset database that quantified recreation services, providers, and facilities which are available to city residents. This database will soon be available on the City's website.

Staff is recommending, as noted on the top of page four of this report, that the Park and Recreation Task Group be folded into the Recreation Committee and that if the Task Group is resurrected, the Recreation Committee members represent the City from their position on the Recreation Committee. The mission of the Recreation Committee will not need to be changed to accommodate Task Group activities (if there are any).

11. Solid Waste Task Force Committee

This committee works closely with the Director of the Community Services on all aspects of solid waste. Staff recommends that the two City Councilmembers that serve on this committee also serve on the Regional Integrated Waste Management Reporting Authority and the Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

Committees, whether they are standing or ad-hoc, usually require staff time and City resources. Standing committees are a bit more labor intensive in that they trigger Brown Act compliance, i.e. agendas must be posted; however, no direct fiscal impacts have been identified as a result of this action.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2009 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – REGIONAL AGENCIES
2. 2009 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – CITY STANDING COMMITTEES
3. 2009 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – CITY AD HOC COMMITTEES

ATTACHMENT 1

2009 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – REGIONAL AGENCIES

2009 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

COUNCIL MEMBER INTEREST

AD HOC COMMITTEE	CURRENT MEMBERS		ACEVES	ONNEN	BENNETT	CONNELL	EASTON
CDBG Funding Review Committee	Aceves	Wallis	X			X	
City Council Chambers/City Hall Office Space Committee	Aceves	Blois			X		
Energy Issues Committee	Bennett	Aceves	X	X			
General Plan Litigation Committee	Bennett	Aceves					X
Goleta Partnership for Preparedness	Bennett	Aceves					X
Legislative Issues Committee	Aceves	Wallis	X		X		
Mobile Home Rent Control Committee	Bennett	Blois			X		
Public Safety	Bennett (Fire)	Aceves (Sherriff)	X	X	X		X
Recognition Committee	Aceves	Onnen		X			X
Recreation Committee	Aceves	Wallis				X	
Solid Waste Task Force Committee	Bennett	Aceves					

ATTACHMENT 2

**2009 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – CITY STANDING
COMMITTEES**

2009 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS							COUNCIL MEMBER INTEREST				
REGIONAL AGENCIES	PRIMARY	ALTERNATE	ACEVES	ONNEN	BENNETT	CONNELL	EASTON				
Air Pollution Control District Board	Onnen	N/A		X		X	X				
Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment Board (BEACON)	Wallis	Blois					X				
California Joint Powers Insurance Authority	Aceves	Blois	X								
Coastal Express Policy Committee	Onnen	N/A		X							
Community Action Commission Board	Onnen	N/A		X							
The Foundation for Girsh Park	Aceves	N/A									
Goleta Valley Community Center Board	Blois	N/A					X				
Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Task Group	Aceves	Bennett									
Parks and Recreation Task Group	Aceves	Wallis				X					
Regional Integrated Waste Mgmt Reporting Authority	Aceves	Bennett									
Santa Barbara Airport Commission				X			X				
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments	Bennett	Blois	X		X		X				
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD)	Aceves	N/A	X	X			X				
South Coast Affordable Housing Task Force	Bennett	N/A			X		X				
Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness Advisory Committee	Wallis	N/A				X	X				

ATTACHMENT 3

**2009 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – CITY AD HOC
COMMITTEES**

2009 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS		COUNCIL MEMBER INTEREST						
STANDING COMMITTEE	CURRENT MEMBERS	ACEVES	ONNEN	BENNETT	CONNELL	EASTON		
Economic Development and Revitalization Committee	Onnen		X			X		
Finance Committee	Onnen	X	X		X			
Ordinance Review Committee	Bennett	X						
Town & Gown Committee	Bennett		X		X	X		