

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' UNINCORPORATED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair

Supervisor Scott Haggerty (alternate)

**Location: San Lorenzo Village Homes Association
377 Paseo Grande
San Lorenzo, CA 94580**

Summary Minutes

I. Public Comment

- Suzanne Barba requested an update on Redistricting.
- Nancy Van Huffel reported that there will be a Redistricting meeting held at the San Lorenzo Village Homes Association on Thursday, June 2, 2011.
- Daniella, unincorporated resident, asked about \$3 million that was used for the Ashland Youth Center; was the money supposed to be shared with all of the unincorporated area?

Supervisor Comments

There will be an article about Redistricting in an upcoming edition of the Castro Valley Forum, which will contain all of the pertinent information. Meetings on Redistricting will be held on May 31st, in Dublin and in San Lorenzo, June 2nd at 6:30.

The County will accept proposals until June 10th for redistricting. There will be a series of workshops and hearings throughout July, 2011. The public is invited to submit their comments on redistricting. Redistricting is being done to balance the population in the supervisorial districts.

There was \$3 million from the Ashland Community Advisory Committee to support the Youth Center.

II. Proposed Reconsideration Ordinance – County Counsel

Brian Washington County Counsel, provided copies of the proposed Reconsideration Ordinance. Reconsideration of zoning items

Discussion

Nancy Van Huffel stated that this was brought to the Committee as a result of the Eden Area Livability Initiative (EALI) process, and subdivisions should be included and a reasonable timeline is fifteen (15) days.

Supervisor Miley Bring to the Planning Commission, the Neighborhood Advisory Group, Transportation and Planning Committee. Add to the unincorporated services website. Castro Valley MAC.

III. Report on Alcohol Environmental Prevention Strategies and Programs for the Unincorporated Community – Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services Agency

Susan Beck, Cherryland resident, reported that there were specific requests that the community wanted to know from the Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) Agency.

III. Report on Alcohol Environmental Prevention Strategies and Programs for the Unincorporated Community (continued)

A key agency will not be receiving funding from BHCS, and there will be no alcohol and drug (AOD) services in the unincorporated area of Cherryland/Ashland.

CommPre has been instrumental in the fight against alcohol and drug prevention in the area. By BHCS not providing funding, Cherryland will lose a key structural partner.

Gary Spicer, Director, Management Services, Behavioral Health Care Services Agency, gave an explanation for the Agency's strategic plan and AOD services.

In 2006, a strategic plan for AOD services was developed, and over the course of the last four to five years, there have been budget shortfalls. The Agency has had to take targeted reductions of over \$18 million per year. Due to the reductions, the Agency submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Alcohol and other Drug Services (AOD) services. The RFP was released in February 2011 and closed in March of 2011.

Tracy Hazleton, Behavioral Health Care Services, reported on the terms and conditions of the RFP and talked about the process but was not able to speak about specific providers.

A panel to review the RFP's was comprised of individuals who have lived the experience, out-of-county persons with expertise in the field of AOD; those who had experience running older adult treatment programs, ethnically diverse, BOS, children's system of care expert and adult system of care.

Nancy Van Huffel asked BHCS to answer the following questions:

1. Review Panel – any representatives from the unincorporated area?
2. How much money will be spent in the unincorporated area?
3. How much money has been spent in the unincorporated area?

The Behavioral Health Care Services Agency will review the questions and submit answers to the unincorporated area community.

IV. Budget Update

Kai Mander, Principal Analyst, County Administrator's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the County Budget.

The Governor released the May Revised Budget today, May 16, 2011. The funding gap for the state budget started out at \$26.6 billion, however, the legislature adopted \$11 billion in cuts and higher than expected revenues brought the gap to \$15.6 billion.

- Highlights of the May Revise include:
- Redevelopment elimination proposal
- Extend sales and VLF taxes until an election
- Program realignment
- Elimination of forty-three (43) state boards and commissions; Cuts 5,500 State jobs
- State and Local pension reforms.

IV. Budget Update (continued)

The County has to close a \$137.9 billion funding gap. County Departments have been given the following target reduction amounts:

General Government - \$22.6 million
Public Protection: - \$44 million
Public Assistance - \$33.2 billion
Health Care - \$38.1 million

Budget/Hearings Schedule

The proposed budget will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors on June 9, 2011 and the Budget Hearings will be held from June 20-24, 2011, with final adoption on June 24, 2011.

Questions/Discussions

Nancy Van Huffel: How much does the County owe for retirement?

Kai Mander: The employer share of retirement costs has gone up due to investment losses however he does not have an exact figure. There were some gains, but losses were not fully recovered. Millions of dollars each year are spent on retirement. Employee contributions vary and on average or between 7 and 8 percent.

Susan Beck presented some recommendations for the County Budget:

County policies should not waste money on redesigning programs
Keep programs that the County has invested millions of dollars in over the years
Go after business to collect taxes (community members found businesses in the unincorporated area that the city of Hayward was collecting the taxes on)

Kai Mander stated that he works with highly motivated sales tax consultants, who only get paid by generating revenue for the County. In addition, he welcomed any information that would provide assistance in collecting tax revenue.

V. Neighborhood Advisory Group Update

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned to July 27, 2011.

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