

Riverside County of Riverside
Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (CBC)

City of Banning Council Chambers
99 East Ramsey Street, Banning

January 26, 2004
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Supervisor Ashley called the meeting to order at 3 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Introduction of Committee

The committee members were introduced; Riverside County Supervisors Marion Ashley and Roy Wilson; Mr. Robert Salgado, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians; Ms. Barbara Lyons, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; Mayor Art Welch, Banning; Mayor Ron Oden, Palm Springs; and Council member Ron Roberts, Temecula. Mr. Butch Murphy, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians (Tribal Alternate) was also present.

The audience made self-introductions.

III. Administration of Oath

Minh Tran, Riverside County Deputy County Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to the Local Community Benefit Committee.

IV. Overview of SB 621 and Committee Purpose

Mike Brooks, TASIN Local Government Committee (LGC) Chair, and Barbara Dunmore, TASIN LGC Vice-Chair, provided an overview of Senate Bill 621 and described the Community Benefit Committee's purpose, using a power point presentation.

Mr. Brooks also mentioned that the nexus portion of the grant application process was designed to be non-competitive.

V. Proposed Bylaws

Minh Tran, Deputy County Counsel, and Jennifer Sargent, Riverside County Staff, reviewed the proposed Bylaws.

The CBC approved initial two (2) and four (4) year terms of office, to prevent two-thirds (2/3) of the committee's members from expiring in any one (1) year (June 30 will be the expiration date).

Also, the committee elected to hold regular meetings on the fourth (4th) Monday of each month, at 3 P.M., primarily at the City of Banning Council Chambers. In addition, the committee decided that periodically they would meet at another location in the County.

Finally, the committee decided to appoint an alternate for each category of membership on the committee. Mr. Tran will incorporate the committee's decisions into the Bylaws and have them ready for adoption by the committee at the February 2004 meeting.

VI. Proposed Grant Application

County staff reviewed the proposed grant application. The committee's plan is to formally adopt the application at the next meeting.

VII. Future Meeting Schedule/Location

The committee agreed to hold the regular meetings on the fourth (4th) Monday of each month, at 3 P.M. Mayor Welch graciously offered to make the Banning City Council Chambers available for the monthly meeting. Supervisor Ashley thanked Mayor Welch and mentioned that it would be nice to occasionally (perhaps once per year) meet at another County location. The committee agreed.

VIII. Other Business

Barbara Dunmore advised the committee that County staff will be putting together a website for information pertaining to the SB 621 grant application/award process.

Ms. Dunmore also advised the committee that County staff would be preparing the meeting minutes and would set-up an e-mail distribution list for the minutes and agendas.

Mayor Welch asked County staff to find out from the State the number of quarters that comprise the current funding for distribution (\$10.6 million for

the County, Cities, and Special Districts of Riverside County), to enable some financial planning for distributions in subsequent years.

IX. Future Agenda Items/Committee Actions

- a. Adoption of Bylaws
- b. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
- c. Appointment of County and City Alternates
- d. Adoption of Grant Application
- e. Adoption of Grant Application Schedule

X. Public Comment

Michael Wilson, Indio City Council, expressed concern over the length of time between rotations of committee members. In addition, Mr. Wilson inquired about the selection of the alternates and expressed his opinion that the committee should include three city representatives based on the nexus formula for grant award outlined in SB 621.

Brenda Salas, Banning Mayor Pro Tem, expressed concern over the 30 days that is required for the committee to review the Bylaws, and that 30 days won't have elapsed prior to the next meeting date. Minh Tran explained that the Bylaws were made available to the committee members at least a week before the meeting, so that is when the 30 days would have started. By the February 23, 2004 meeting, more than 30 days will have elapsed.

Raven Lopez-Workman expressed her pleasure at seeing this effort come to fruition, following a number of years of hard work. Ms. Lopez-Workman also commended the committee on their decision to periodically move the meeting to other parts of the County.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on February 23, 2004, at 3:00 P.M., at the Banning City Council Chambers.