

DRAFT MINUTES

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting – March 22, 2004
County Administrative Center Room 302/303**

**N.B. These Minutes Are Considered Draft Minutes until
Approved by the Committee.**

County Supervisor Dianne Jacob (serving as meeting facilitator until a Chair was elected by the Committee) called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

1. Welcome and Introduction of Members:

At the request of the Acting Chairwoman, and for the information of those present, introductions were made of those Committee members and staff members seated around the room. Those present were as follows:

Members Present: Council Member Steve Banegas (Barona Band of Mission Indians)
Chairman Daniel J. Tucker (Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation)
Mayor Mark Lewis (City of El Cajon)
Councilman Gary Kendrick (El Cajon)
Councilman W.E. "Bob" McClellan (El Cajon)
Supervisor Dianne Jacob (County of San Diego)
Sheriff Bill Kolender (County of San Diego)

Alt. Members Present: Council Member Alan Barrett (Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians)

Members Absent: None

Advisors Present: Valerie Tehan (Office of County Counsel)

Staff Present: Joe DeStefano (County Administrative Office)
Claudia Anzures (Office of County Counsel)
Darren Gretler (Second Supervisorial District)

During the introductions of staff, it was explained that Ms. Anzures was serving as Counsel to staff, while Ms. Tehan was serving as Counsel to the Committee. It was also explained that Mr. DeStefano was serving as Acting Tribal Liaison Officer for the County in the absence of Chantal Saïpe, County Tribal Liaison.

At the request of the Acting Chairwoman, the Committee moved forward with the nomination of a Chairperson for the Committee.

Actions: Lewis – Kolender

Move to nominate Supervisor Dianne Jacob as Chairwoman of the Local Indian Gaming Local Community Benefits Committee.

Discussion:

Committee Member Lewis (City of El Cajon) commended the Supervisor for taking charge of the Committee and moving things forward. No additional discussion ensued, and the motion was put vote.

Ayes: 7 - Banegas, Tucker, Lewis, Kendrick, McClellan, Jacob, Kolender
Noes: 0 - None
Abstain: 0 - None
Absent: 0 - None

2. Overview Of SB 621

Claudia Anzures, Senior Deputy County Counsel with the County of San Diego Office of County Counsel (OCC), provided the Committee with a short presentation that gave an overview of the Senate Bill 621, which established the Committee, and set the parameters by which the monies from the Special Distribution Fund may be spent. During the presentation it was pointed out that SB 621 makes allowances for reimbursement to the County of San Diego for administrative costs associated with the administration of the grant program. The reimbursement of these costs cannot exceed 2% of the overall monies allocated in the Special Distribution Fund.

Comments/Questions by Committee: Councilman McClellan wished to know whether any sample "completed applications" would be made available to the public to assist applicants in completing the application form. Staff informed the committee that application guidelines were completed and made available to the public, and that County staff would be available to assist applicants in completing the process.

No specific actions were taken by the Committee on this item.

3. Bylaws of IGLCBC

Ms. Anzures (OCC) provided an Article-by-Article overview of the Draft Bylaws. During the presentation it was pointed out to the Committee that the Bylaws made provisions for an Alternate Tribal Representative in the event that one of the Tribes was unable to attend a meeting of the Committee. Mr. Alan Barrett representing

the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians was identified as the Alternate Member of the Committee. It was also pointed out that the Bylaws provide for staff from the County of San Diego Chief Administrative Office to serve as the administrative staff and staff from the Office of County Counsel to serve as legal advisor to the Committee.

Actions: Lewis – Tucker

Move that the Bylaws of the San Diego County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefits Committee be adopted as presented to the Committee.

Discussion:

The Committee raised no questions regarding the Bylaws, and no discussion ensued.

Ayes: 7 - Banegas, Tucker, Lewis, Kendrick, McClellan, Jacob, Kolender
Noes: 0 - None
Abstain: 0 - None
Absent: 0 - None

4. Election Of Chairperson, Vice Chair, and Appointment Of Grant Review Subcommittee

Election of Vice Chairman

With the approval of the Bylaws (Item 3), and the election of Chairwoman Jacob (Item 1), the Committee moved forward with the election of the Vice Chairman. Chairwoman Jacob entertained a motion for nominations for Vice Chair.

Actions: McClellan – Banegas

Move to nominate the Daniel Tucker, Chairman of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, as Vice Chairman of the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefits Committee.

Discussion:

No discussion followed, and the item was put to vote.

Ayes: 7 - Banegas, Tucker, Lewis, Kendrick, McClellan, Jacob, Kolender
Noes: 0 - None
Abstain: 0 - None
Absent: 0 - None

Appointment of Grant Review Subcommittee

At the recommendation of the Chair, the Committee moved forward with the appointment of the Grant Subcommittee. The Chair recommended that a representative from the County, the City of El Cajon, and the Tribal Nations serve on the Subcommittee, and recommended that the Committee Alternate, Alan Barrett (Viejas) be appointed. The subcommittee would then consist of Chairwoman Jacob (County of San Diego), Committee Member Lewis (El Cajon), and Committee Alternate Barrett.

Actions: Tucker – Kendrick

Move to establish a Grant Review Subcommittee consisting of Chairwoman Jacob (County of San Diego), Committee Member Lewis (El Cajon), and Committee Alternate Alan Barrett (Viejas).

Discussion:

No discussion followed, and the item was put to vote.

Ayes: 7 - Banegas, Tucker, Lewis, Kendrick, McClellan, Jacob, Kolender
Noes: 0 - None
Abstain: 0 - None
Absent: 0 - None

5. Time Frame, Notification Efforts, Process For Review And Selection Of Grants

Joe DeStefano, Acting Tribal Liaison for the County of San Diego Chief Administrative Office, provided an overview of the Timeline for the administration of the Grant Program. It was specifically pointed out that for any grant application to be heard by the Committee, the application must be sponsored by one of the Tribes paying into the Special Distribution Fund.

Committee Member Kolender raised the question as to who would be able to focus the scope of the grant applications. Ms. Anzures (OCC) reiterated that the law specifically limits the focus of the Grants to specific areas.

It was also pointed out to the public (at the request of Committee Member McClellan) that the applications were available at the Committee Website. The link to the website can be found at: www.sdcounty.ca.gov/lueg

Committee Member Kolender (County of San Diego) voiced his concerns that funding focus needed to be set for the grant applications. Staff assured the Committee that the Grant Review Subcommittee would play a role in this by determining what applications would be submitted to the Committee. Discussion continued with Chairwoman Jacob pointing out that the law itself places some direction as to the fundamental focus of the grant applications. Committee Member Kolender reiterated his concerns that a regional approach needs to be taken, and voiced his opinion that a regional program (such as a Fire Helicopter) should receive priority. Chairwoman Jacob (County of San Diego) reiterated that the Subcommittee and the Committee itself would be responsible for directing the approach, based on what applications were received.

Committee Member McClellan (El Cajon) voiced his concerns that the available resources such as military fire units were unused during the fires, and questioned the need for an additional Fire Helicopter as mentioned by Committee Member Kolender. Mr. McClellan voiced additional concerns that other grant applications such as childcare facilities or educational opportunities be considered.

Committee Member Banegas (Barona) then indicated that the Tribal Members agreed with the ideas voiced by Committee Member McClellan, and that the best use for the Grant Funds would be one which made the most impact, especially given the potential one-time nature of the funds.

Additional discussion regarding the clarification of meeting deadlines outlined in the Timeline was held. The Chair commented that the Subcommittee would meet up at some point on or before the deadline of May 25, 2004, and that the Subcommittee Members would be notified of that meeting time and location. The Chair further commented that the Committee would then meet to review the Subcommittee's recommendations.

Actions: Kollender - McClellan

Move approval of Timeline as presented, with notations by the Chair.

Discussion:

No discussion followed, and the item was put to vote.

Ayes:	7 -	Banegas, Tucker, Lewis, Kendrick, McClellan, Jacob, Kolender
Noes:	0 -	None
Abstain:	0 -	None
Absent:	0 -	None

6. Public Comments and Communications:

Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Committee on any subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction but not an item on today's agenda.

No speakers requested to be heard.

7. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Chairwoman Jacob announced the next meeting of the Committee would be held in the County Administrative Center on Wednesday, May 26, 2004 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 PM. Committee Member Banegas commented that in discussions with the other Tribal Representatives, the Tribes indicated that they would be honored to host the next meeting. After discussion and general consensus, it was determined that the Barona Band of Mission Indians would host the next meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. No further action was required.

There being no further business to be considered, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m. to 2:00 P.M. on May 26, 2004 at the Barona Valley Ranch Casino and Resort. The final meeting location would be announced via the Committee Website on or before May 21, 2004.

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