

DRAFT MINUTES

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

**Regular Meeting – May 26, 2004
Barona Valley Ranch Events Center**

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

Committee Chairwoman, County Supervisor Dianne Jacob, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

1. Welcoming Remarks from Barona Council Member Steve Banegas

2. Roll Call

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)
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: Councilman W.E. "Bob" McClellan (El Cajon)

Advisors Present: Valerie Tehan (Office of County Counsel)

Staff Present: Chantal Saipe (County Administrative Office)

3. Approval Of Minutes For The Meeting Of May 26, 2004 (Attachment 1)

Action: Lewis – Kendrick

Move to approve Minutes.

Discussion: None

Vote

Ayes: 6- Banegas, Tucker, Lewis, Kendrick, Jacob, Kolender
Noes: 0 - None

Abstain: 0 - None
Absent: 1 - McClellan
Motion passes.

4. Overview Of Applications Received

The Committee heard a presentation by Chantal Saipe on what has happened since the Committee last met and gave an overview of the applications received by the deadline of April 23, 2004. Of the 24 applications received, 18 were found to be from eligible applicants and 6 were found to be from ineligible applicants. Chantal Saipe specified that staff restricted its review of the applications to eligibility of applicants before preparing a log of the applications by grant category and sending each Band a set of the applications. Staff did not evaluate the merits of the applications. Staff also stated that the Committee's appointed Subcommittee met on May 25, 2004 to prepare recommendations for the Committee; and the recommendations would be presented when Item 9 was discussed.

5. Need For Agreement Between County And Jurisdictions And Revised Timetable

Chantal Saipe informed the Committee that the County wanted to enter into agreements with non-County recipients and that the date for sending the list of approved recipients to the State Controller's Office would be changed from June 1, 2004 to June 17, 2004.

6. Determination Of Reimbursement For County Costs

Chantal Saipe presented the breakdown of the \$26,105 in County costs for implementing the grant program: County Counsel: \$9,439.50; Department of Planning and Land Use: \$8,855.68; and Chief Administrative Office: \$7,809.82.

Action: Lewis – Kolender
Approve reimbursement of \$26,105 in County costs from the County Tribal Account.

Discussion: None

Vote

Ayes: 6- Banegas, Tucker, Lewis, Kendrick, Jacob, Kolender
Noes: 0 - None
Abstain: 0 - None
Absent: 1 - McClellan
Motion passes.

7. Breakdown Of Money Available For Each Category Of Grants

Chantal Saipe presented Attachment 3, which showed the breakdown by Bands and Grant Category of moneys available for grants.

8. Applications Selected For Sponsorship By Barona, Sycuan And Viejas Bands

Chantal Saipe presented the list of projects Bands had selected for sponsorship (Attachment 4).

9. Assessment Of Eligibility Of Applications For Grants From Local Jurisdictions Impacted By Tribal Gaming

Chairwoman Jacob expressed gratefulness for the amount of money available for grants and commented on the fact that the law restricts the authority of the Committee to assessing the eligibility of grant projects; approving or disapproving the Bands' selection; and that the intent of the legislation is to award grants to local governments impacted by Indian gaming.

A handout of the Subcommittee's recommendations was distributed. Chairwoman Jacob, representing the Subcommittee, stated that all sponsored and non-sponsored projects were reviewed; and presented the Subcommittee's recommended allocations, as shown below:

- a. Recommend 5 of the 8 sponsored projects for approval;
- b. Rejected 3 of the sponsored projects;
- c. Selected a non-sponsored project for funding, Sheriff-San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District acquisition of 6 new fire trucks, for the remaining \$2.25 Million; and
- d. Referred Recommendations "b" and "c" back to the Bands for their consideration.

Chairwoman Jacob gave the following reasons for the Subcommittee's recommendations to reject 3 of the sponsored projects:

- I. San Diego County Office of Emergency Services - \$2.1 million of the City of San Diego's Regional Fire and Rescue Helicopter Program
 - a. Fire fighting requires a "One – Two Punch" - aerial capability and boots on the ground;
 - b. Sheriff's proposed firefighting helicopter is the least cost;
 - c. County has set aside funding to operate one helicopter, not two;
 - d. County was unaware of cost implication of the City's proposed helicopter; and

- e. Helicopters need ground support and there is a non-sponsored application for six new fire engines.
- II. City of National City: \$50,000 for the Emergency Room Enhancement Project at Paradise Valley Hospital
- a. This is a worthy project, as are all of the submitted applications, but Subcommittee could not find a relationship between the project and Indian gaming; and
 - b. Sycuan does have a hotel project approved by the City of National City as of yesterday, but that is not on the Reservation and it is not for gaming;
- III. City of San Diego; \$100,000 for SWAT Ballistic Vests
- a. Subcommittee questioned the priority of this project *vis a vis* other projects more focused on impacts on Indian gaming; and
 - b. Wanted to know how many responses does the City SWAT have outside the City of San Diego; and at a casino.

Public Speakers

The following Speakers were heard:

Steve Kramer, Alpine Fire Protection District: Two helicopters and no additional trucks on the ground, is not effective.

Larry Jackman, San Miguel Consolidated Fire District: Supports recommendations of Subcommittee; six new fire trucks represents a 43% increase in ability to respond to incidents; there's an army of firefighters to staff equipment but equipment is lacking.

Ron Fuller, Alpine Fire Protection District: Endorses what previous speakers said; relates examples during Cedar fire when men were available but there was no equipment.

Paul Stein, Lakeside Fire Protection District: Tribes were smart to ask their East County neighbors "What can we do to help?" Supports Subcommittee's recommendations.

Ken Hubbs, San Diego Police SWAT: 110 SWAT Members for whom vests are the primary source of protection; 90% of the vests are at least 15 years old when they should be replaced every 5 years. City's SWAT is partner with Sheriff's 18-Member SWAT.

Wanda Cook, Native American Women's Intertribal Circle: Supports City of San Diego's request for vests; approving grant would show goodwill support for all Native Americans who live in urban settings.

August Ghio, City of San Diego Fire Department: Agrees East County deserves more resources; City's proposed helicopter is the fastest, most assured way to keep beginning fires, small; consultant that City and County hired recommended

up to 3 helicopters. Committee Member Barrett asked if region were at risk of losing Copter 1 if it does not receive grant funding this year? Assistant Fire Chief Ghio answered "No, City is committed to purchase and operate Copter 1."

Larry Kinard, Alpine and San Miguel Fire Districts: Urges Committee to support Subcommittee's recommendations.

Darrell Jobes, East County Fire Protection District: Drastic improvements have been made to aerial firefighting but nothing's been done to improve ground equipment; helicopter landings require ground support for safety.

Bob Pfohl, Santee Fire Department and Heartland Communications Facility Authority: Supports Subcommittee's recommendations.

James Duffy, Deputy Sheriffs' Association: Supported Subcommittee's recommendations; discussed plight of rural firefighters due to lack of equipment.

Mitch Villalpando, Sycuan Fire Department: Supports City of San Diego's Helicopter Program Application as being unlike what Sheriff proposes; additionally, City will partner with Sycuan Fire Department and station the helicopter on the Reservation.

Barry Zuniga, Undersheriff: Sheriff is ready to partner with everybody; the difference between the City's Helicopter and the Sheriff's proposed helicopter is that the City's has a medical component.

10. Selection Of Grants

Action: Lewis – Kolender

Move to approve entire list of recommendations from Subcommittee.

Discussion: Committee Vice-Chairman Tucker states that he needs to report to his Council and that he wants what's best for the community. Committee Member Banegas concurs.

Vote

Ayes: 4- Lewis, Kendrick, Jacob, Kolender

Noes: 0 - None

Abstain: 2 - Banegas, Tucker

Absent: 1 - McClellan

Motion passes.

11. 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.

12. Adjournment

Member Banegas asked that the next meeting be held in two weeks to give Tribes time to meet to consider the Committee's selection of grants and offered to host the next meeting. Chairwoman Jacob announced the next meeting of the Committee would be held at the Barona Valley Ranch Events Center on Thursday, June 10, 2004 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 PM.

There being no further business to be considered, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 P.M.