



SMART DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

December 16, 2009

Immediately Following the SMART Board Meeting
Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Chambers
575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa

- I. Call to Order
- II. Minutes of the November 4, 2009, Executive Committee Meeting –
DISCUSSION/ACTION**
- III. Agenda Review
- IV. Committee Members Comments
- V. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda (Comments Limited to 3 Minutes)
- VI. **Closed Session**
 - a. Closed Session: Closed Session: Performance Evaluation (Gov't Code Section 54957(b))
Title: General Manager
- VII. Report on Closed Session
- VIII. Review of SMART Board Agenda for Monthly Meeting*
- IX. Adjournment - **ACTION**

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MINUTES OF SMART EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Nov. 4, 2009

Community Development Conference Room
San Rafael City Hall
1400 Fifth Ave.
San Rafael, California

I. Call to Order

Chairman McGlashan called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice-Chair Debora Fudge and Directors Mike Kerns and Barbara Pahre. Director Al Boro was in the audience.

II. Approval of Oct. 7, 2009, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Agenda Review

There were no changes.

IV. Committee Member Comments

Director Fudge reported on her trip to the Railvolution conference in Boston. There was a lot of focus around how to create transit-oriented development around train stations. The trip was very worthwhile.

V. Public Comment

- Bill Kortum encouraged SMART to “reach out” to private enterprise for partnerships at station sites, such as Sonoma Mountain Village and the Cotati Station.
- Steve Birdlebough reported on Railvolution, and said the 2010 conference will be in Portland.
- Karen Nygren reported that Director Peter Breen had lost his re-election bid to the San Anselmo City Council.

VI. Funding Application Status

Chief Financial Officer Erin McGrath updated the Committee on the status of various state, regional and county sources of revenue for SMART. She presented a report on TCRP, Proposition 116, Regional Measure 2 and Sonoma County Measure M funds. She said further information about possible federal funding will be presented in a future report.

VII. Board Reimbursement Status

Community Outreach Manager Chris Coursey, (General Manager Lillian Hames was absent because of illness), presented a report summarizing issues related to reimbursing Board and Committee members for out-of-pocket expenses and mileage, and establishing per-diem payments or stipends for Board service. This was also discussed at the September Executive Committee meeting.

Director Kerns said there is concern that the Board would “get hammered publicly” for establishing per-diem pay, but that “we’re also looking at a matter of fairness.” A chart was presented showing how 11 other Bay Area agencies handle this issue. Director Pahre noted that the chart should indicate that Golden Gate Bridge District directors are capped at \$5,000 a year, and other agencies also set an upper limit. She said this may be a prudent way to handle it. Chairman McGlashan invited public comment.

- Karen Nygren said when she served on the Tiburon Council “we were hammered” for establishing per-diem pay, and “I think you will be, too.”
- Steve Birdlebough said he couldn’t imagine anyone objecting to Board members being reimbursed for expenses. He said per-diem should be modeled after another agency, and directors receiving a full-time salary – such as county supervisors – should be excluded from per diem.
- Bill Kortum said county supervisors should not receive per-diem pay from SMART, but other directors should.
- Director Boro said he supports reimbursement of expenses, but is opposed to per-diem pay. It is not worth the flak that would be generated against SMART.

The discussion returned to the Committee, and Vice-chair Fudge said she is in a situation where service on the SMART Board has forced her to turn down work and reduce her earnings. Per-diem pay will not make up for the loss of income, but it would recognize the financial sacrifice. Directors Kerns and McGlashan said they would support excluding county supervisors from per-diem pay. The Committee agreed that, at minimum, Directors should be reimbursed for mileage, and they directed staff to bring that issue to the Board separate from the per-diem question.

Regarding per-diem, the Committee recommended that the full Board be asked to establish a per-diem policy that allows \$100 per meeting-day, with a maximum of 3 meeting-days per month, and an exclusion of Board members who also serve as county supervisors and thus receive a full-time salary from their county.

VIII. Closed Session

The committee convened a closed session to consider a labor matter. Chairman McGlashan reported out of closed session that instruction was given to staff and there was nothing further to report.

IX. Review of SMART Board agenda for monthly meeting

The SMART Board of Directors will meet on Nov. 18 in San Rafael.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.