

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

MINUTES

Date: May 20, 1986

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Lynn Robie, Chair; Bill Smallman, David Shore, and Terry Kastanis

Non-Committee members present: Doug Pope

1. Report on City of Sacramento Levee System Protection

DISCUSSION: Mel Johnson, Director of Public Works, explained that the levees protecting the Sacramento area from flooding are maintained by five separate agencies. Alan Hendrickson, Associate Engineer, discussed the responsibilities and possible alternates for increased protection. He explained that the State Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation have asked the Army Corps of Engineers to do a three-year study of the levee system and recommend improvements.

REPORT(S) BACK: Reports on the improvement of the City's flood protection system are due back to Committee on a quarterly basis. The next report will be heard August 19, 1986.

ACTION: None

2. Summary of Levee Damages - February 1986 Storm

DISCUSSION: Alan Hendrickson, Associate Engineer, summarized the damages incurred during the February 1986 storm to the levee system protecting Sacramento. Mr. Henderson explained that the damage is expected to be repaired by next winter. Mel Johnson explained that \$2 million has been included in the proposed budget to take care of problems identified in the report.

Chairperson Robie asked why sandbags have been left around boils on the Sacramento River levee. Mr. Hendrickson stated that the sandbags can be removed if desired.

REPORT(S) BACK: A timetable showing the schedule of levee repairs is due back to Committee.

ACTION: None.

3. City Disaster Plan Update and Report on Emergency to the February 1986 Flooding

DISCUSSION: Fire Chief William Powell summarized the City's emergency response to the 1986 flood and explained that the Fire Department has already begun the process of rewriting the City's Multi-hazard Plan. The anticipated completion date for the plan is September 15, 1986. Upon completion of the plan, an emergency exercise to test the procedures will be staged.

Councilman Pope questioned the process for warning people of potential evacuations and asked how long it would take to evacuate certain areas, such as Campus Commons or River Park. The Chief was unable to provide this information without referring to additional material.

Public Information Officer Christine Olsen gave an overview of the City's information dissemination during the flood. Councilman Pope questioned whether the efforts made were sufficient to inform the public.

Chairperson Robie suggested that Christine Olsen report back in August with a proposal to improve the City's information dissemination during emergencies.

Councilman Pope stated that people got the "run around" from City departments. He argued that the City's efforts need to be better coordinated and that we need to be able to communicate without relying on the media.

Selby Fermer, a River Park resident, stated that residents should receive briefings from the various agencies responsible for flood protection at community meetings, prior to the next rainy season.

REPORT(S) BACK: The Committee directed staff to return in one month with a concerted information program to explain to residents what occurred within the levee systems in their immediate area and inform them of efforts to update the City's disaster plan.

ACTION: None

4. Enabling Ordinance -South Natomas Facility Benefit Assessment (FBA)

DISCUSSION: Jim Bloodgood, Supervising Engineer, explained that the proposed ordinance allows the City to employ a funding mechanism for providing mitigation measures identified in the South Natomas Community Plan. The Ordinance is a model ordinance; a later report will identify actual projects to be funded.

Mel Johnson stated that the FBA allows a variety of funding mechanisms; but the City must have a good, detailed plan of the infrastructure needed and the sequencing of the facilities.

Deputy City Attorney Larry Lunardini told the Committee that the ordinance has the virtue of having been tested and upheld in the courts.

Christie Savage, representing River View Oaks, requested that the Committee direct staff to further explore a much simpler mechanism for funding improvements in South Natomas -- namely, a fee ordinance, with fees payable at the time of building permit issuance. Ms. Savage stated that the FBA Ordinance is cumbersome procedurally.

REPORT(S) BACK: None

ACTION: The Committee moved to recommend that the full City Council adopt the Facility Benefit Assessment Enabling Ordinance.

5. Landfill Closure Report

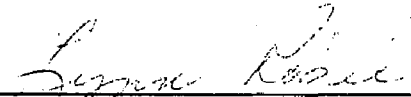
DISCUSSION: Chairperson Robie explained that the Landfill Closure Report had been continued from the April 22, 1986 Committee meeting. Solid Waste Division Manager John Boss stated that his staff had met with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and the River Park Advisory Committee (RPAC). Both groups offered comments for improving the plan and staff agreed to include their suggestions in the final Closure Plan. Mr. Boss informed the Committee that both groups also reviewed the accelerated closure option and did not support it, given that rates would have to be increased by 2-3% over the next five years.

Karolyn Simon, representing SWAC, stated that they are 100 percent behind the Closure Plan, once their comments are incorporated into the report.

Selby Fermer, representing RPAC, said that her organization is also in full support of the revised plan.

REPORT(S) BACK: None

ACTION: The Committee moved to recommend that the full City Council adopt the resolution approving the 28th Street Landfill Closure Plan, as amended.



Lynn Robie, Chair
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Development Committee