

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

March 1, 2007

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
Santa Barbara CA

1. Vice Chair Joe Centeno called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.
2. Present were Commissioners Centeno, DeWees, Fox, Orach, and Wilson, Alternate Commissioners Leich, Schlottmann and Wolf, Executive Officer Bob Braitman and Legal Counsel Bill Dillon. Commissioner Leich participated by remote connection from Santa Maria. Commissioner Stableford was absent.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Upon motion by DeWees, second by Orach, the minutes of the February 1, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.
5. Oath of Office for New Commissioner Joe Armendariz

Deputy County Clerk Recorder Dana Bentley administered the oath of office to incoming Alternate City Member Joe Armendariz.

Commissioner Firestone arrived shortly thereafter.
6. Public Comment Period – There were no comments from the public
7. 06-2 – Vintage Ranch Reorganization: Annexation to North County Lighting District/ Annexation to County Service Area No. 5

The staff informed the Commission this proposal had been recorded. The Commission received and filed the staff report.
8. 07-3 – Refiled Rice Ranch Reorganization: Annexation to Laguna County Sanitation District/Annexation to North County Lighting District/Annexation to County Service Area No. 5

Laurie Tamura of Urban Planning Concepts, representing the landowner, indicated she was available to answer any questions.

After due consideration, upon motion by Orach, second by DeWees, the Commission certified it had reviewed and considered the information contained in the Supplemental EIR prepared and certified by the County, approved the reorganization and waived conducting authority proceedings.
9. Proposed Sphere of Influence Change - Proposal by the Committee For One to expand the City of Santa Barbara Sphere of Influence

The Executive Officer presented his report, recommending that the Commission approve Option 1, the conditional expansion of the City's sphere of influence.

Correspondence was received from Derek Cole (2/21/07), Donald Mastick (2/24/07), Lauren Hanson (2/26/07), Raymond O'Connor (copy of 1/25/07 letter to the City of Santa Barbara), Roger and Maggie Svensson (2/24/07), James Richard et al (undated) and the City of Goleta (3/1/07).

Testimony was received from:

- Mayor Marty Blum, Councilmember Das Williams and Paul Casey, representing the City of Santa Barbara
- Dan Singer, representing the City of Goleta
- Kamil Azoury, representing the Goleta Sanitary District
- Kevin Walsh, representing the Goleta Water District
- Steve Engles and Louie Liuag, representing the West Santa Barbara Committee
- Bill Gilbert, Peg Hamister and Harriet Phillips, representing the Committee For One
- Gene Egan, representing San Vicente Mobile Home Park Homeowners Association
- Gerald Pelton, representing agricultural land owners on Anderson and Dorwin Lanes,
- Raymond Flory, representing Rancho Santa Barbara Homeowners Association, and
- Interested citizens Alan Schweitzer, Lauren Hanson, Jack Easterbrook, Steinunn Danley, Rob Laskin, James Richard, Roger Svensson, Rosemary Chase, Janis Tower, Robert Uradnicek, Bonnie Freeman, Patty Close and Chuck Bixby.

Commissioner Leich left the meeting at 4:15

The Commission considered and discussed the staff report and public testimony.

A motion by Firestone, second by Orach, to deny the request to expand the sphere was offered. After due consideration the motion was defeated with Commissioners DeWees, Fox and Wilson opposed.

A motion by DeWees, second by Fox to approve modified Option 1 to (1) expand the sphere but without the requirement for concurrent annexations, (2) defer action pending service area agreements between the City and the Goleta Sanitary and Goleta Water Districts and (3) exclude mobile home parks from the sphere, with staff to return at a future meeting with the actual sphere map for approval. After due consideration the motion was defeated with Commissioners Firestone, Orach and Centeno opposed.

Upon motion by Firestone, second by Orach the Commission continued this matter to the next meeting that is held in Santa Barbara.

Acting Chair Centeno requested the Commission's legal counsel to research definitive methods to protect residents of the mobile home parks from losing their current rent control protection.

10. The Commission recessed at 4:50 and reconvened at 5:00 PM.
11. Upon one motion by Orach, second by Firestone, to Commission approved the following items as recommended.
 - A. Schedule for Adoption of LAFCO Budget for FY 2007-08
 - B. LAFCO operating expenses for February, 2007
 - C. Year-To-Date Financial Status Report.

12. Report on procedures for payment of Commissioner stipends

The Commission received and filed the report regarding Commissioner stipends.

Vice Chair Centeno appointed Commissioners Armendariz and Orach as an ad hoc committee to consider the question of adjusting commissioner stipends.

13. Discussion of agricultural preservation

The Commission received and filed the staff report.

Acting Chair Centeno requested the Commission's legal counsel to evaluate LAFCO's ability to implement agricultural buffers when approving boundary changes.

14. Commissioner and staff announcements

The Commission Clerk discussed new procedures for paying Commissioner stipends and encouraged all Commissioners to return the required forms.

The Executive Officer informed the Commission that a workshop regarding LAFCO will be held on Friday, March 23. Local cities, special districts, County staff and interested members of the public have been invited to attend.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Final Minutes Approved by the Commission
on April 5, 2007

By _____
Joe Centeno, Vice Chair