

Legislative Action Committee December 4, 2008 Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Cliff Hamlow – Azusa Pacific University
Brian Mejia – Supervisor Antonovich
Corrine Delgado – Southland Properties
Marilyn Grinsdale – Citrus College

Gene Morrill – Certified Auto Specialists
Richard Rea – Congressman Dreier
Jody Roberto – Senator Bob Huff
Lisa Bailey – Irwindale Chamber
Steve Johnson – Assemblyman Adams

Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Cliff Hamlow

Review of the minutes – A motion was made to accept the October 2, 2008 minutes by Cliff Hamlow and seconded by Gene Morrill.

Chairman's Report –Cliff Hamlow reminded the Committee that the Glendora Chamber Legislative Priorities need to be reviewed in 2009 and possibly updated. *Mayor Karen Davis is scheduled to give a "State of the City Address" on January 23rd at the Glendora Country Club from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. The Legislative Committee will be hosting a Candidates Forum at the High School Event Center on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm.* Bob Cruz has volunteered to moderate the forum, or the committee could consider asking someone from the League of Women's Voters to moderate. After a brief discussion, the Committee made the decision to accept Bob Cruz as the moderator of the February Candidates Forum. He does not reside or work in Glendora, has no ties to any of the candidates and has experience moderating events such as the Candidates Forum. The decision to have Bob Cruz moderate will be presented to the Executive Committee at their next meeting for final approval. Regarding the matter of the Quarterly Luncheons for 2009, Cliff asked Richard Rea to check if Congressman Drier would be available to speak at an April or May luncheon. Other topics considered for upcoming luncheons include the Goldline, healthcare, labor and workforce development and transportation. Holding the luncheons in the GUSD boardroom continues to work well. They provide a nice lunch at a reasonable price and the room is able to accommodate the 30 – 50 attendees nicely.

Lisa Bailey presented copies of the Irwindale Chamber Legislative Priorities to everyone as well as a copy of the San Gabriel Valley Coalition Legislative Priorities. She then invited the Glendora Chamber to join the SGV Coalition. They meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 3:00 pm at the Monrovia Chamber and the cost to belong is minimal.

Cliff Hamlow asked why the Glendora Chamber has not joined the SGV Coalition?

Valarie replied that the issue has come up before, but no one from the Chamber has volunteered to be the representative.

Legislative Updates - Please limit reports to 3 minutes or less and bring handouts for the Committee:

Steve Johnson, Assemblyman Adams - Steve mentioned that the Assemblyman was sworn in for his second term. He will be meeting in December with area city councils. Education reform and funding remain among his top priorities. The State still does not have a balanced budget, but hopefully Prop 58 will remedy the situation giving legislators 45 days to act upon a budget.

Cliff Hamlow mentioned that Dr. Nichols has formed a Superintendent Budget Committee that has plans to meet with Sacramento legislators to discuss the proposed budget cuts to all schools. There is strength in numbers and many voices have more force than individual ones.

Richard Reyes, Congressman David Dreier– Richard reported that the Congressman is waiting to see what happens with the Big 3 Bailout of the 3 major auto manufacturers, the banking bailout package and negotiations on the January stimulus package. There are still undecided Senate seats. The Congressman is looking for participants for

his 2009 job fairs. The April job fair will likely be held in Ranch Cucamonga and the October one is scheduled to be held in Monrovia. Actual dates and times will be determined as the events get closer. If you know someone looking for employees, please have them contact our office. With the passing of Measure R and the sales tax increase, it will be interesting to see what transpires with the Gold Line and transportation issues. The Construction Authority continues to look at the future of routes and impact of the Gold Line to local communities.

Brian Mejia, Supervisor Antonovich – Brian reported that the Supervisor was sworn in for his 8th term.

Public safety remains his top concern and the Supervisor will be watching to see where the monies from Measure R get distributed. The Los Angeles County Museum of Arts Association was a major supporter of Measure R with contributions of \$900,000. Now, however they are requesting \$6 million dollars from the County for the Museum. Dr. Soliheim is being honored by the Board of Supervisors for his achievements.

Ken Herman, City of Glendora – No report

Glendora Unified School District, Doris Blum – No report

Charter Oak Unified School District, Bob Cruz – No report

Marilyn Grinsdale, Citrus College –Marilyn reported that the 6 Community College Coalition will be doing a lobby day in January with local legislators. The Veterans Day Event at Citrus College was bigger than previous years with a fly-by and a good sized audience. Citrus College was only one of 10 colleges to receive a grant for their veteran program.

Metropolitan Water District, Luis Cetina – No report

Donna Lee, So. Calif. Edison –No report

Bob Cruz, So, Calif. Gas – No report

Gene Morrill, Certified Auto – Gene wished everyone a Happy Holiday. The town of Monterey, California has a program where they recognize “Green Businesses.” He suggested that Assemblyman Adams look into establishing such a program in this area. He has concerns with the possible legislation requiring taxing on services and labor.

Old Business – New Business : Our next meeting is Thursday, January 8, 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm

Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett