

**Legislative Action Committee
July 1, 2010**

ATTENDANCE:

Blum, Doris – GUSD Fdn.
Delgado, Corrine – Southland Properties
Grinsdale, Marilyn – Citrus College
Hamlow, Dr. Cliff – Azusa Pacific University
Imboden, Fawn – ACCU
Johnson, Steve – Assemblyman Adams
Kuhn, Bob – Alandale Insurance
Lee, Donna – So. Calif. Edison
Mellinger, Faith – PV Habitat for Humanity
Morrill, Gene – Certified Auto

Rea, Richard – Congressman Dreier
Ruh, Bill – Citrus Valley Assoc. of Realtors
Smith, Dr. Christine - COUSD
Sparling, Fred – Classic Coffee
Taj, Arif - Sportclips

GUESTS:

Abdallah, Vicky
Viter, Josselyn

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm.

Flag Salute

Welcome

Approval of the minutes from the June 3, 2010 Legislative Meeting

Chairman's Report, Dr. Cliff Hamlow –Cliff welcomed everyone. Fred Sparling was introduced and proceeded to give the committee a brief overview of the growing movement for more public non-smoking areas including parks, sidewalks etc. Everyone was invited to the July 5th Independence Day Jubilee sponsored by the Village BID and taking place in the Glendora Village. The day will start with a pancake breakfast followed by a parade and lots of entertainment.

Cliff Hamlow suggested the committee look up non-smoking ordinances on the web just to become aware of what policies already exist.

Steve Johnson commented that anyone can put a “No Smoking” sign in their window.

Cliff Hamlow suggested the committee host a 59th Assembly District Candidate Forum in late September.

Bill Ruh commented that Citrus Valley Association of Realtors would be pleased to host the event at their new facility.

Steve Johnson volunteered to contact the candidates and invite them to the forum.

Cliff Hamlow commented that details for the forum will be finalized at the September Legislative Committee Meeting. The public and the business community are to be invited. A good moderator needs to be selected. The Glendora Centennial Celebration Committee is looking for volunteers for the 2011 celebration.

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

Brian Mejia, Supervisor Antonovich: No report

Jody Roberto, Senator Bob Huff: No report

Richard Rea, Congressman David Dreier: Richard reported that no budget resolutions have been made and the legislature remains in a stale-mate. The legislature may be working through the July 4th holiday if they don't come up with some resolutions to reduce the deficit. The Senate passed the extension of unemployment benefits, so now the measure goes to the House for passage. There are 1.3 million unemployed at this time. The Congressman will be hosting a job fair at the Monrovia Community Center on August 4th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Because of budget cuts the 2010 – 2011 school year calendar will have 6 less days on it.

Cliff Hamlow asked Richard to thank the Congressman for his support of the Goldline.

Steve Johnson, Assemblyman Adams: Steve gave an overview of the November ballot propositions including Prop 19 regarding legalization of marijuana, Prop. 20 regarding redistricting of Congressional Districts and Prop 21 which establishes an \$18 annual vehicle surcharge to help the State fund state parks and wildlife programs. The unemployment rate in California is 12.4%. The Governor has gotten 6 Unions to give concessions to retirement plans. Steve suggested the committee look at the Cal Pensions website for a better understanding of how much California's Pension Plan costs the State.

Cliff Hamlow suggested the committee look at the Cal Chamber website for an overview of the November Ballot Propositions.

Ken Herman, City of Glendora: No report

Glendora Unified School District, Doris Blum: Doris reported that Dr. Robert Voors has been hired to replace Dr. Nichols as school superintendent. Although the Glendora Unified District has a 3 year reserve in its budget, unless help is received from the State, the possibility of going broke exists. The district has made \$4 million in cuts and teacher layoffs will happen.

Charter Oak Unified School District, Dr. Christine Smith: Dr. Smith reported that the district is solvent, but teacher layoffs are a necessity as is larger class sizes. The proposal to take monies from mental health programs will impact school districts as the schools will be forced to face problems they are not prepared to deal with once these troubled children become part of the main-stream.

Marilyn Grinsdale, Citrus College: Marilyn reported that the college is preparing for the fall semester. The college has a tentative budget, classes have been cut from the schedule, caps have been raised and classes are full.

Cliff Hamlow reported that Azusa Pacific University is also making cuts to the budget and raising fees to students. The nursing program at APU remains strong.

Fawn Imboden commented that she heard that APU is accepting 1200 new students for the fall semester and that tuition costs have increased by \$5,000 per year.

So. Calif. Edison, Donna Lee: Donna reported that the Smart Connect Meter program is close to being completed in this region for residences. A rate shift for commercial businesses will lower their rates. Edison has programs for small business owners providing help to them with their energy needs. A recent planned power outage led to a power surge. The power surge caused damages to some of Edison's customers.

Bob Cruz, So, Calif. Gas: No report

Bob Kuhn, Metropolitan Water District: Bob reported that water issues will continue to be problematic for the State. Prop 18 is getting no support from the legislature. Municipalities are supporting the bond measure, but the public is not. This bond measure will probably not make it to the November ballot, however the Delta needs a fix and its problems are not going away.

Donna Lee asked what passage of the bond measure would mean to the average person.

Bob Kuhn replied that passage will bring higher taxes, but the problems in the Delta need to be addressed.

Gene Morrill, Certified Auto: Gene reported that starting on September 1, 2010; auto repair shops are mandated to check tire pressure as part of all automobile check-ups. AB 2289 will revamp the smog check program. Gene suggested the committee read and understand what Prop. 23 will mean to global warming.

Gary Boyer, Southland Properties: No report

Old Business: No report

New Business: Cliff Hamlow suggested that the Legislative Committee be dark in August and resume meeting on Thursday, September 2, 2010. Arif Taj asked Richard Rea to check with the Congressman about the proposed FICA Tax on the Cosmetology Industry.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.
Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett