

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 21, 2014
MAG Offices, Ironwood Room
302 N. 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa, Chair	*Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek
Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown, Vice Chair	Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale
Mayor W.J. “Jim” Lane, Scottsdale, Treasurer	Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage
	Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix

* Not present

Participated by video or telephone conference call

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Acting Chair LeVault at 12:03 p.m. Acting Chair LeVault stated that there was an updated handout for agenda item #5 and additional items for agenda item #6 at their place.

2. Call to the Audience

Acting Chair LeVault stated that according to the MAG public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out the public comment cards. He stated that there is a three-minute time limit. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Acting Chair LeVault stated no comment cards had been received.

3. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Acting Chair LeVault noted that prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience are provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda.

Acting Chair LeVault requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Lane moved to approve consent items #3A-#3D. Mayor Mook seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3A. Approval of the November 18 and December 3, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the November 18, 2013 Executive Committee meeting minutes and the December 3, 2013 Executive Committee special meeting minutes.

3B. Amendment to the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for a Bicycle/Pedestrian Associate

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved amending the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for a Bicycle/Pedestrian Associate not to exceed \$25,000. This will allow for a transition period from the current MAG Bicycle/Pedestrian Planner to a MAG Associate position for the remainder of this fiscal year. When the new work program is prepared, the associate position will be evaluated to determine if it is to be continued in the next fiscal year.

3C. Amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept \$20,000 From the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) for the Town of Gila Bend Small Area Transportation Study and Amendment of the Corresponding Contract With Kimley Horn and Associates

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved amending the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept \$20,000 from the Maricopa Department of Transportation for the Gila Bend Small Area Transportation Plan Study and amendment of the corresponding MAG contract with Kimley Horn and Associates, to reflect additional scope and budget designated for the MCDOT funding amount. The fiscal year (FY) 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2011, includes \$70,000 for the development of the Gila Bend Small Area Transportation Study. MAG, the Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and the Town of Gila Bend have established a mutual agreement for this project with shared funding (the original total funding amount for the project is \$95,000, which includes \$70,000 from MAG, \$20,000 from MCDOT, and \$5,000 from the Town of Gila Bend). This collaboration will allow MAG and partnering agencies to plan for future transportation infrastructure needs in the Gila Bend Planning area. The project planning team has identified the need for additional analysis of key transportation corridors in the Gila Bend Planning Area, therefore, MCDOT is providing an additional \$20,000 toward the study to complete the additional analysis. An amendment to the FY 2012 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is needed to accept the funds and an amendment to the contract with Kimley Horn and Associates is needed to reflect the additional scope and budget.

3D. On-Call Consulting List for the MAG Consultant Support for AZ-SMART Enhancement On-Call Project

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the list of on-call consultants for Area of Expertise A (Research, Data Collection, Demographic and Economic Analysis): Applied Economics, Elliot D. Pollack and Company, Planning Technologies LLC, Synthicity Inc., and University of Arizona Economic and Business Research Center; Area of Expertise B (Application Development, Geographic Information Systems, Database Management, and Socioeconomic Modeling) Planning Technologies LLC, Synthicity Inc., TerraSystems Southwest Inc., and University of Arizona Economic and Business Research Center; Area of Expertise C (Regional Economic Modeling and Economic Impact Analysis): Planning Technologies LLC, Regional Economic Models Inc., Synthicity Inc., and University of Arizona Economic and Business Research Center; for the MAG Consultant Support for AZ-SMART Enhancement On-Call Project. The FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2013, lists the MAG Consultant Support for AZ-SMART Enhancement On-Call Project in the amount of \$425,000. The purpose of the project is to enable MAG to solicit specialized consulting services in the area of socioeconomic modeling, data, reporting, and research. MAG issued a Request for Qualifications to create an on-call consulting list in three areas of expertise for the project and received seven Statements of Qualifications (SOQs). A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the SOQs and unanimously recommended to MAG that the following firms be included on a MAG on-call consulting list for the MAG Consultant Support for AZ-SMART Enhancement On-Call Project: Applied Economics, Elliot D. Pollack and Company, Planning Technologies LLC, Regional Economic Models Inc., Synthicity Inc., TerraSystems Southwest Inc., and University of Arizona Economic and Business Research Center.

4. Status Update on the June 30, 2013 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013

Becky Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, stated that the members of this committee received a copy of the FY 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the results of the Single Audit for this meeting. She added that the accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on November 18, 2013 on the financial statements of governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the independent auditors' report on compliance with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unmodified opinion for the Single Audit. The Single Audit report indicated there were no reportable conditions in MAG's internal control over financial reporting considered to be material weaknesses, no instances of noncompliance considered to be material and no questioned costs and The Single Audit report had no new or repeat findings.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the CAFR financial statements and related footnotes were prepared in accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) standards for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting awards program. She noted that MAG submitted the June 30, 2013 CAFR to the GFOA awards program for review in December 2013 and added that If MAG is awarded the certificate for the June 30, 2013 CAFR, this would be MAG's 16th consecutive award. Ms. Kimbrough stated that staff is asking for recommendation of acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2013.

Acting Chair LeVault asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee. There were none. Mayor Stanton made a motion to recommend acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2013. Mayor Mook seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2015 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Becky Kimbrough, MAG Fiscal Services Manager, stated that the draft budget discussions and presentations begin each January and additional budget information is brought to this committee incrementally as it is developed each month to allow for thorough discussions and input. She added that the MAG final draft budget is presented for recommendation for approval in May of each year.

Ms. Kimbrough stated that the draft time line for presentation and production of the draft MAG budget for FY 2015 is included in the draft budget materials, along with the revised draft with the proposed Dues and Assessments for FY 2015. She indicated that the FY 2015 draft dues and assessments are presented with an increase to 100 percent and the four year average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), using calendar years 2010 through 2013, has been applied. She noted that the base year is FY 2009 dues and assessments totals as dues and assessments were first reduced by 50 percent in FY 2010, due to the downturn in the economy. She explained that being cognizant of the continuing downturn of economic conditions for our members, MAG has continued to implement the 50 percent decrease to dues and assessments without adding the CPI-U factor through FY 2014.

Ms. Kimbrough informed the committee that last January MAG first recommended an increase up to 75 percent for FY 2014 dues and assessments and after a discussion of the proposed draft dues and assessments in the May 2013 Regional Council meeting, the Regional Council recommended that it be recognized that in order to keep MAG's financial position flexible, that MAG dues and assessments be returned to 100 percent for FY 2015. Ms. Kimbrough stated that the proposed dues and assessments for FY 2015 were finalized on January 16, 2014 when staff received the December 2013 CPI-U. She noted that there was a very small decrease from 8.61 percent to 8.59 percent in the final amount compared to the draft that was previously sent with the mailing. She added that MAG has used fund balance since FY 2010 to supplement the dues and assessments each year.

Ms. Kimbrough indicated that currently approved population numbers are used to calculate the dues and assessments and the amounts calculated for each member's dues and assessments change slightly each year due to shifts in the population between the members and application of the CPI-U. She added that there were footnotes located on the draft dues and assessments which further explain the details of the dues and assessments calculations and that also on the draft dues and assessments page is the comparison between the proposed amount and last year's amount.

Acting Chair LeVault asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee.

Mayor Lane stated this concern regarding the increase. Mr. Smith explained that last year staff recommended that the allocated dues be increased to 75 percent and then an additional 25 percent this year, so the increase would not so be dramatic. He explained that last year some cities were still struggling and the decision was made by this committee and Regional Council to postpone last years increase, and do the full increase this year. He added that MAG cannot continue to tap into its reserve, which are getting too low. Ms. Kimbrough added that in 2010, the economy was failing and MAG cut their dues 50 percent from FY 2010- FY 2014 and we had to dip into the reserves to fund some programs. Mayor Lane asked if this increase includes the 100 percent increase plus the CPI-U. Ms. Kimbrough stated that was correct and that in 2006, this committee determined that the increase of dues and assessments be made using the CPI-U from the prior calender year.

Mayor Mook asked what amount has come out of the reserves in order to pay for expenses through the dues and assessment cutbacks. Ms. Kimbrough stated that approximately \$1 million, excluding the remodel of the building, has been taken out of reserves over the past five years. Mr. Smith added that to keep this in perspective, many Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Pima Association of Governments for example, does not have the aggressive in kind match program that MAG operates on, so MAG staff works with the member agencies staff to get the in kind contributions. Mr. Smith added that Tucson will almost always match federal money with member agency money and stated that MAG is trying to keep the costs down for MAG member agencies.

Ms. Kimbrough added that MAG in kind costs are about \$1.2 million - \$1.4 million per year. This allows MAG not to require a hard cash match. Acting Chair LeVault stated that these dues are being assessed and payable in FY 2015 and most cities are currently in the budgeting process internally, so it will be helpful to have these numbers. He also asked if this will go to Regional Council. Mr. Smith stated that this will be presented at the next Regional Council meeting and added that this is why the budget review process begins in January and the final decisions are not made until May.

Mayor Lane asked what percentage of the membership fees of the total budget does this represent. Ms. Kimbrough stated the full fees are approximately \$650,000 and the total operating budget for the current year will run approximately \$21million - \$22 million, so it is a fairly small percentage. Mayor Lane asked if there was some particular guidance as to what

percentage it is supposed to be. Ms. Kimbrough added according to best practice, for a reserve fund balance, it is anywhere from 10 to 15 percent of operating costs. Mayor Lane asked if there were guidance or calculated amounts that are supposed to come from the membership fees to the total budget. Ms. Kimbrough stated that she will do research and to see how other agencies determine their dues amount and present this at the next Regional Council meeting. Mr. Smith added that MAG is funding vital programs with these assessments, such as 9-1-1.

Acting Chair LeVault stated that having been with MAG for several years, he knows that when the economy was at its bleakest, MAG did things internally to control these costs and even deferred salaries for MAG employees. He added that it is tough to bring dues back to where they need to be, but is thankful that he received this information while city budgets are still being worked on. Mayor Stanton added that his city also asked MAG to adjust the budget accordingly, because they were still going through incredibly difficult times last year. He added that some of the Phoenix council members had concerns regarding lack of transparency and felt it was best to keep dues the same, in light of their economic situation. Mayor Stanton added that MAG had to tighten their belt and stated that it was very much appreciated. Acting Chair LeVault thanked Ms. Kimbrough for her report.

6. Desert Peaks Awards

Kelly Taft, MAG Communications Manager, stated that MAG established the Desert Peaks Awards in 1998 to recognize excellence in regional cooperation among local governments, residents and the private sector. She noted that this awards program is held every other year to honor member agencies, partners and individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to promoting, recognizing, and attaining the ideals of regionalism.

Ms. Taft stated that MAG is currently planning to host the awards program on June 25th, 2014, following the MAG annual meeting, and was here today to review the event structure and seek committee guidance on various aspects of the program, including the time of the event, potential venues, judging panel, and potential changes to the invitation and registration procedures. She provided an overview of the process to ensure that the committee was in agreement with the proposed event and structure.

Ms. Taft added that a draft Call for Nominations was at each member's place and staff is currently planning to issue the Call for Nominations within the next day or so, pending direction from this committee. She stated that the Nomination Form will be housed on the website for download, as they do not anticipate mailing hard copies of the form, although hard copy forms will be available at policy meetings. She added that staff will also send an email to a broad selection of MAG mailing lists with a link to the entry form. The entry deadline has been established for 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2014.

Ms. Taft indicated that there are currently six Desert Peaks Award categories: Public Partnership; Public Private Partnership; Professional Service; Regional Partnership; Outstanding Economic Development Champion; and Regional Excellence. She added that the MAG By-Laws call for the MAG annual meeting to be held in the Central City, and in recent years the

event was held at the Downtown Phoenix Sheraton. She added that staff is currently soliciting proposals from the Sheraton and several other downtown venues.

Ms. Taft stated that the recipients of the Desert Peaks awards are selected by a balanced slate of judges who are typically recommended by the Executive Committee. She added that in the past, Desert Peaks judging panels have consisted of members representing the state legislature, business, education, and local government, as well as former Desert Peaks Award winners. Ms. Taft stated that the experience and background of those serving on this prestigious panel is critical to ensuring that selections are based on a true understanding of issues and the concept of regionalism. She added that a letter is at each member's place asking for their assistance in providing the names of qualified individuals to serve as potential judges on this important panel and requested names be received by February 5, 2014.

Ms. Taft stated that once the judging panel has selected the recipients to be honored in each of the six categories, the recipients are notified in advance of their selection. Staff has found this has actually helped increase attendance at the event from earlier years in which the recipients were kept secret. She noted that one major change staff is proposing this year, unless the Executive Committee directs otherwise, is to move from a mailing/paper based invitation system to a completely online registration process utilizing EventBrite. Ms. Taft added that those members who attended the Joint Planning Advisory Council meeting utilized this system. This is expected to expedite the registration process and save postage and outside printing costs. She stated that the event is typically held in the hotel ballroom with heavy hors d'ouvres, two drink tickets and parking provided. She noted that MAG relies on sponsorships to help offset the costs of the event.

Ms. Taft indicated that the outgoing MAG chair typically serves as the emcee of the event and during the program, they rely on members of the Executive Committee to present the various Desert Peaks awards. The end of the program includes the passing of the gavel and an incoming chair message. In the past the awards program has typically been held in the evening, immediately following the Regional Council Annual Meeting, which would be held at the same venue as the Desert Peaks program. She noted that this means that staff would have to change the time of the June Regional Council meeting from 11:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with approval from the Executive Committee.

Acting Chair LeVault asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee.

Mayor Stanton asked what has worked and what has not worked in the last few years. Ms. Taft stated that when the program first started, it was a much more formal event, with a full dinner, formal emcee, and entertainment. At the last program, to offset the costs, they served heavy hors d'ouvres in place of dinner and the Executive Committee members served as presenters. She noted that one of the other changes they made last year was that every recipient received a large award. She noted that based on comment cards received after the event, the biggest issue was the length of the program, so at the last event, instead of recognizing individuals members in attendance, they now ask members to rise as a group, to help shorten the awards process.

Mayor Stanton asked what is the cost to attend the event. Ms. Taft stated that there was no charge for attendees, or to register or submit nominations. Mayor Stanton asked what was the budget for this event. Ms. Taft stated that the budget for the venue ranges between \$20,000-\$30,000 and this cost is offset by sponsorships, which were close to \$20,000 in 2012. She noted that one of the things they will be saving on this year, if they go to online invitations, is the cost of printing, which was about \$2,100. The event is also organized internally by staff, which is allocated in the program.

Mayor Mook asked who gets invited to this event. Ms. Taft stated that MAG committee members, business leaders, elected officials, city council members, previous chairs, legislators, members of the governor's office, judges, sponsors that are recognized, the panel of six to nine judges, and award recipients are typically invited. Mr. Smith added that the online invitation will also be sent to each city so that they can invite their council members. Ms. Taft stated that there is usually between 200-300 guests in attendance. Mayor Lane asked if this was a self-supporting event and what is the net result. Ms. Taft stated that typically MAG receives \$18,000-\$20,000, in sponsorships, which defrays the cost, but they do have some expenses associated with the program and not all costs are offset. The net result is bringing attention to the partnerships and work that is being done and taking place in our region. Mr. Smith stated that it was also suggested that staff add a Mexico element to this program.

Mayor Stanton stated that, in general, the awareness of Desert Peaks is not nearly what it should be. This is a high-profile event, with a lot of elected officials and business organizations and he is always surprised on who is not there. He suggested that at the 2016 Desert Peaks event, staff could change direction and form a host committee and to also make this a fund raising event for some of our domestic violence or homelessness programs. Mayor Stanton also suggested that perhaps even change the name of the event so that people would recognize it. He suggested making it a State of the Region type of event, where leaders from different organizations can have an opportunity to share their vision of the region. Mayor Stanton added that a decision on whether there should be a change in the fee structure for this type of event would also have to be discussed. He stated that this would be a great opportunity to raise money for human services. Mayor Lane added that this would require a mayor or someone in great standing to lead this program and it is a matter of communicating the cause and making it clear as to what or who this is ultimately intended to help.

Mr. Smith added that Regional Community Partners is a 501c(3) and guests would have the ability to write off their donations for these causes. Acting Chair LeVault added that he sees real value in terms of using events like this to enhance MAG's profile with the public. Mayor Mook asked how many different organizations does MAG sponsor, such as domestic violence, that would qualify for a 501c(3) status. Mr. Smith stated the major ones are aging, domestic violence and homelessness. Mayor Lopez Rogers stated that she really likes the idea of the State of a Region, highlighting who MAG is and what we have accomplished as a region. She added that this could also include the work with Mexico as one of those accomplishments. Ms. Taft stated that at the event, the outgoing chair does do a State of the Region highlighting the accomplishments from the past year. She added that press releases are sent to the media to let them know about the event. Mayor Lopez Rogers stated that she believes staff has been doing

a good job within our membership, but we need to get it out even more. Mr. Smith stated that at the Changing of the Gavel event, a video was shown that showed the year in review and staff could do that again.

Mayor Mook stated it is too soon to do this for this year's event, but when this event is wrapped up, Mayor Stanton's suggestion about forming a host committee should be mentioned at the Regional Council meeting so the planning can get started ahead of time. Mayor Stanton added that the possible name change could also be brought up to the host committee. Mayor Lopez Rogers suggested showing a two minute video clip of the projects, then recipients receive the awards, as opposed to the person speaking. Mayor LeVault added that marketing this event is important so we can use the program as a way to enhance MAG's profile.

Ms. Taft informed the committee that the June Regional Council meeting time would change to begin prior to this event and that the invitations would be send electronically, unless the committee directed her otherwise. The committee agreed that these changes were acceptable.

The next item was taken out of order and was an addendum to the agenda.

12. Enhancing Business and Political Relationships through the NASCAR Spring Race Initiative

Denise McClafferty, Regional Program Manager, stated that on February 28 through March 2, 2014, the Phoenix International Raceway (PIR) will be hosting the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) event and this will include the Toyota 120, NASCAR Toyota Mexico Series Race. She stated that in an effort to build partnerships and relationships with Mexico, as well as promote international trade, MAG would like to host a suite, which will hold thirty-six guests, on February 28, 2014, for Arizona and Mexico elected officials at the NASCAR event for an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Mayor Lopez Rogers added that this is not your typical event and noted that PIR is celebrating their 50th Anniversary and asked for member support, which will provide elected officials an opportunity to network, and build business-to-business relationships. Mayor Stanton stated that this is an excellent idea and added that high level business leaders attend these events and this is a good way to begin building relationships. Mayor Lane echoed Mayor Stanton and added that this is positive from an economic development standpoint and an excellent way to build business connections. Mayor LeVault stated this is in relation with the work that MAG has been doing in enhancing trade relationships.

Mayor Stanton made a motion to amend the FY 2014 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include an Arizona-Mexico networking event not to exceed \$5,000. Mayor Lane seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Review of MAG FY 2014 Goals and Results and Discussion of Proposed Draft FY 2015 Goals/Work Emphasis Areas

Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, stated this is a daunting task to really talk about everything MAG has accomplished. He noted that MAG is known nationally for their planning efforts and stated he would go through some of the highlights. Mr. Smith discussed the

expansion of the new metropolitan planning area boundary and the amount of internal work involved, which included new socioeconomic projections, transportation modeling zones in Pinal County, funding for projects in the Pinal area for the Transportation Improvement Program, new PM 2.5 funding and projects, air quality conformity analysis for Pinal County projects, expanded public involvement and the modification of the MAG By-Laws and committee procedures, which involved all of the divisions and it was done on time.

Mr. Smith added that in the Transportation Division, MAG recently had its certification review by the Federal Government, which happens every four years and was told that MAG was impressive, and one of the best Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the United States. He added that South Mountain is coming to a resolution, and also discussed the freight planning that had been presented to the Joint Planning Advisory Council. Mr. Smith stated that in Air Quality Division, there is nothing larger than the recent announcement by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the proposed approval of the MAG Five Percent Plan for PM-10 and the exceptional event analysis. In the Communications division, he discussed the web based videos supporting the Greater Phoenix Rising web site, videos to support victim advocates for domestic violence, videos to support aging in place and videos on Arizona-Mexico trade relations. In the Information Services Division, he reported on the socioeconomic projections working with the State Demographers Office, the development of new mapping tools for use by the greater regional community and the MAG socioeconomic information and tools to promote economic development with the MAG member agencies.

Mr. Smith indicated that in Technology, through the Regional Community Network, MAG linked public fiber to provide the Regional 9-1-1 System another way to route 9-1-1 and eleven agencies have participated, developed an agency survey through survey monkey to assess the effectiveness of MAG. In the Human Services area, MAG achieved a 95 percent implementation rate for the domestic violence protocol in Maricopa County. He added that MAG was awarded by HUD, Hearth Act Funding to continue the work of the MAG homeless efforts, worked with MAG member agencies to implement age-friendly models and created an age friendly website Connect 60+.

Mr. Smith reported that in Fiscal Services, MAG received recognition by the Government Finance Officers for the Distinguished Budget Presentation and for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and implemented a new accounting system for the agency. In the Administration Division, organized a Binational Economic Forum with Mexico, developed a Memorandum of Understanding for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurial Agreement with Arizona Universities, and worked with other regional planning agencies to propose expanding the border zone with the border crossing card to encourage tourism for the State of Arizona.

Mr. Smith stated 2015 Goals include the Next Generation Transportation Plan, continue to implement Proposition 400, develop new transportation modeling methodologies, prepare an 8-Hour Ozone Plan, Building an International Economic Network, improve coordination with the Intermountain West through a federal grant, encourage more MAG member agencies to develop age friendly communities, implement the HEARTH Act for homeless planning, and work with the City of Phoenix to make the Mexico City office a success.

Mayor Mook stated that she hopes that a complete list will be available to Regional Council for no other reason than to justify what has been going on from an economic standpoint within MAG, because just like the cities, MAG has been doing more with less, and to remind them of everything that MAG has accomplished over the past year. Mr. Smith stated that MAG has an outstanding staff. Mayor Lopez Rogers added that this could be the beginning of the video for Desert Peaks. Acting Chair LeVault reiterated that the average person does not have any idea of the number of areas that MAG is deeply involved in, and anything we can do to enhance MAG's profile is positive, because it is astounding all the areas that MAG staff is involved in. Mayor Mook added that she would like to see more of these accomplishments in the newspaper. Mayor Stanton added that MAG needs more television coverage and recommend a press event for the PM-10 approval. Mayor Lane stated that although notoriety is not a priority for MAG, it is important to headline newsworthy and positive accomplishments. Mr. Smith stated that this can be done when the approval is final.

8. Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director

Mayor Lane moved that the Executive Committee go into executive session regarding the annual performance review of the MAG Executive Director. Mayor Lopez Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting went into executive session at 1:17 p.m. The Executive Committee reconvened regular session at 1:49 p.m.

9. Possible Action on the Annual Performance Review of the MAG Executive Director

Mayor Stanton made a motion to table this item until the February meeting. Mayor Lane seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Acting Chair LeVault asked if there were any requests for future agendas items. There were none.

11. Comments from the Committee

Acting Chair LeVault asked if there were any comments from the committee. There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Chair

Secretary