

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 15, 2003  
MAG Offices  
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair	Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale
* Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Vice Chair	Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix
Mayor John Keegan, Peoria, Treasurer	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
	# Mayor Woody Thomas, Litchfield Park

\* Not present

# Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Feldman-Kerr at 12:05 p.m.

2. Call to the Audience

Chair Feldman-Kerr noted that according to MAG's public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out the cards, which are available on the tables adjacent to the doorways inside the meeting room. 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.

Chair Feldman-Kerr recognized public comment from Blue Crowley. Mr. Crowley referenced the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee's (CTOC) presentation on Highway 74 and the South Mountain Loop. He suggested that when building South Mountain and Highway 74 make it solar rail. Mr. Crowley noted that Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) mind set in roadways and that it is not being done at the level it should be when considering roadway and transit. He stated that we need to get a full cent and divide it between freeways, rail, streets and bike/pedestrian. Mr. Crowley stated that we need to move people.

3. Approval of the November 17, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Mayor Joan Shafer moved to approve the November 17, 2003 Executive Committee Minutes. Mayor Manross seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Regional Council Retreat

Chair Feldman-Kerr stated that the Regional Council Retreat is scheduled for Friday, January 16, 2004 and the focus will be transportation. She noted that it was discussed and agreed upon at the last Executive Committee meeting that business representatives will be asked to join the retreat. She asked Dennis Smith to elaborate on the issues of discussion. Mr. Smith explained that the success of the Regional Transportation Plan was due to a clear focus, target and deadline. He noted that we need this again for whatever issue we focus on next year. He also noted that this focus could be the topic of the next Regional Town Hall and the MAG Work Program. Mr. Smith stated that there was a suggestion that came out of a meeting with Valerie Manning and Marty Shultz to have a summit with Valley business leaders to talk about what regional issue we can partner on. There was also discussion that we need to look at competitive regions such as San Diego. Chair Feldman-Kerr stated that these ideas can be taken to the Regional Town Hall and the participants can vote on what is important. She confirmed that everyone agrees that we need to involve the business community. Mayor Manross agreed that it is wise to sit and talk with the business community. Mr. Smith suggested using the Annual Report as a starting point for discussion. Mayor Shafer also agreed that we need the business community behind us. Mayor Rimsza suggested inviting all those who have signed on to the bill and thank them for their support. Chair Feldman-Kerr stated that is a good idea. She noted that this retreat will begin at lunch. Mayor Rimsza suggested having Channel 11 cover the summit and share the tape. Mayor Keegan suggested getting the date on peoples calendars as soon as possible. Mr. Smith noted that there is another big event that MAG is involved in on January 14, 2004 – Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Day at the Legislature. This event will be held on the lawn of the House. He also suggested that the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and Regional Council members attend this event. Chair Feldman-Kerr asked if there should be a “Thank You” at this event. Mayor Rimsza stated that at both events would be a good idea.

5. Election Authorization Legislation

Dennis Smith stated that we have been working with legislative staff and Maricopa 2020 to have our language incorporated in the bill. He noted that there was a meeting on December 2 with legislative staff and more meetings are scheduled for this week with Maricopa 2020. Mr. Smith noted that there are some major changes being suggested and we are now on our sixth working draft. He also noted that he would like to thank all the intergovernmental representatives that helped work on the bill language. Mr. Smith then reviewed the jamjor provisions of the legislation with the Executive Committee.

Chair Feldman-Kerr asked the process deadline. Mr. Smith stated that the ballot language needs to be to the County election department by February 3, 2004. Mr. Smith added that there are two other issues, bonding and utility relocation, that still need to be resolved as far as legislative language. He noted that we are working with the legislative staff and Maricopa 2020, and the meetings are ongoing.

6. Process for the Executive Director's Performance Review

Chair Feldman-Kerr reviewed the previous discussions on the Executive Director's performance evaluation. She noted that Mr. Smith provided a summary version of last month's evaluation form to be distributed to the Regional Council. Mr. Smith stated that the evaluation form is not much different, just more concise. He explained that this would constitute the "in consultation" with the Regional Council. The Executive Committee would take action at their January 12, 2004 meeting and move to the Regional Council on January 28, 2004 for ratification.

Mayor Rimsza suggested changing "Public Relations" to "Communications." Mayor Keegan suggested including, under section 11, an area for commendation and good performance. Chair Feldman-Kerr agreed that there should be a positive, negative and other. She also suggested more room under each question. Chair Feldman-Kerr requested a copy of the long evaluation form be sent to the Executive Committee. Mr. Smith stated that a memorandum will be prepared for the Regional Council and the evaluation form mailed out, as well as the long form to the Executive Committee. Mayor Rimsza suggested that the member agency be identified. Chair Feldman-Kerr suggested that the return date be extended slightly. Mr. Smith replied that it could be changed to January 8, 2004. Chair Feldman-Kerr agreed.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman



Secretary

