

Minutes
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
March 23, 1999

1. Starting at 4:18 p.m.

Bob Planthold
Angela Armstrong
Nancy Sutley
Nicole Wong

2. Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.
Have had no communication from Angela. Item for next agenda replacing secretary for completion of remaining term.

3. Report of the Clerk

Complaint and communications logs mailed to members

Bob did not receive supplemental mailing. When was it placed in mailroom. Rachel: Friday, 3/19.

Hilda wants structure of group added to next agenda.

Bruce: Western ? complaint status. Rachel: Susan is working on this.

Hilda asked question about asking as a private citizen.

4. Task Force members questions and comments

Bob continued the issue of the mailing inefficiency. Regretful and non responsive with regards to mailing. Maybe add.

David P.: Six nominations up before rules committee for two openings on Task Force.

Records retention-mailing received from Susan. Asked Rachel to review Section 8.5 as to whether the schedule for using the Records Center has been received.

Bruce: 14th Annual Freedom of Information dinner at Fort Mason. Honorary to be John Taylor, former Clerk of the Board, Saturday, 3/27/99.

Nominations given preference to people who have shown an interest by attending meetings.

David P. has made that point known to Leon's staff. Spoke regarding the problem of the mail service and how it can have an effect.

Gloria Young joined the meeting.

5. Hearing on pending complaints.

Judith Appel, Coalition on Homelessness, was unable to attend.

Rachel notified all participants that.

David W.: Please make announcements that hearings would be continued.

Bob: Place on next agenda.

Bruce: City Attorney is arguing that Times Mirror case applies here. Read dissent to....

Comments: Hilda: Is it appropriate to broaden or recommend the complaint and to determine where \$16MM

David: Probably not appropriate to suggest something beyond complaint.

Continued to next meeting.

6. Pending legislation of Board of Supervisors

None

7. Review other pending legislation on State level

David found three bills; 1099, 1065 & 1234, which are presently pending in the Assembly.

Task Force would request that board of Supervisors recommend 1099 and 1065 to Assembly.

Bob: Has not received any analysis of these bills (City hasn't). Want to look at this when we have a better sense of where bills are in committee.

Bruce: Agreed with Bob that waiting is appropriate to determine where bills are. Nice to have timely recommendations on good bills to Board of Supervisors.

Bruce: Motion, second by Rauch, to move towards recommending to Board of Supervisors that 1099 Assembly be passed. Motion passed.

Bruce: Motion, seconded by Rauch to move towards recommending to Board of Supervisors that 1065 Assembly be passed. Motion passed.

Bruce: 1234 Assembly, open meetings, notice on internet. Applies to State bodies. Bruce gave a summary of 1234.

Also moved that this bill be moved for recommendation. Seconded by Rauch. Motion passed.

8. Consideration to send letter from Task Force regarding hearing regarding Department of Elections

Discussion of draft letter to Board of Supervisors.

Bob: Spelling corrections needed in letter.

Bob moved that letter be sent as amended. David W seconded.

David P. reviewed changes to letter.

Point of information given that Board will allow Task Force to review. Motion carried.

9. Board of Appeals draft

Discussion between Johnny and Rauch regarding second paragraph and the events of the meeting. Decided to keep paragraph as is.

Bruce: Good point brought up by Johnny. To clerk: Is there a way to add the policy points?

Rachel: Send out a general memo to all commissions/boards/advisory bodies regarding this. Bob agreed with Rachel that we, Task Force, make this clear to all groups. Bruce, Johnny to draft with Susan policy point.

Bob moved that letter be send. Seconded by David W.

David P.: Last paragraph very strong and we should be aware of that.

Johnny didn't agree and that language should be kept in.

Timothy Gillispie, public comment. Agreed with Task Force movement on this to make this a policy to other groups.

David P. thought that Susan Frankel will talk to Board of Appeals regarding this. Motion passed.

David P.: Place policy memo on next agenda.

Public comment requested.

James Chaffee has a complaint against David P. regarding a meeting of the Library Commission. He has not been taken sincerely.

Bruce asked if there was a specific complaint regarding the Sunshine Ordinance.

James Chaffee listed no proper meetings or complaints.

Bruce asked that he file a complaint. James Chaffee does not believe that Task Force would be receptive to his complaints.

Timothy Gillispie also spoke regarding having open access to meetings and records insulting (sp) that David P would make asides during public comments. Library Commission, in his opinion, has repeatedly violated the Sunshine Ordinance. David P unfit to chair Task Force. Owes (David P) Library activists, an apology.

_____requested to Mayor that Library Commission be more open to the public. Chair of Task Force should not be advising the Library Commission. Some members of Library Commission ignored public comment.

Mr. Warfield also attended Library Commission meeting of 1/19/99 (budget being discussed). He wanted a copy of the budget. Told that copy would not be provided.

Budgets only provided to Commissioners. Copies not provided meeting. Documents were available but not given during his testimony while he was trying to get information on the budget. He received on 1/20 (postmarked 9/19) the budget received in his mail (he made request the Friday before). He feels that he was denied the information to make informed comments on the budget.

Timothy Gillespie gave summary of Library Commission meeting. David P. invited to meeting to give comments on how meeting is run. David P. that Library commission does not have to respond to questions from the public.

Debra Dole discussed her take on Library Commission meeting. She is a volunteer at Library. Meetings in the past have been very tense. Emotions have run high on both sides. Commission is videotaped (or moving to). Moving to rational discussions hopefully.

Gloria Young: probably should be moved to another agenda. This is not an agenda item.

David P. not invited to meeting. He chose to attend meeting. But he did give a brief comment to public comments. He believes that comments taken out of context.

Bruce asked that a formal complaint be mailed to the Task Force.

Hilda agreed with Bruce. Had problems with perception of a public person attending as a private citizen.

Rachel emphasized that requests can be mailed to her to get documents.

10. Further discussion on changes to Sunshine Ordinance

From Rachel: Section 67.24—advice needed from city Attorney on all sections.

Bruce: Initiative would place Section I back to way it had been in the past.

Bob: Section I, Times Mirror case might come into play here.

David P.: Should keep in regardless of case. Times Mirror is very narrow. Task Force has gone over _____the Section I on contracts, bids and proposals.

David P.: Discussed further Number 3 of 67.24 I

Any further comments of 67.24. Seeing none moving to 67.25. there is a recommendation from Task Force for Sunshine to expedite information to citizens. Number a—does it apply only to those items listed in 67.24 or should all documents be under this section.

Bruce: changed language should be left in.

David P.: Wants to limit immediate disclosure to be reasonable.

Bob: Only a couple members ____after this.

Task Force for Sunshine will provide final language to Board of Elections on 4/5.

Probably won't be able to continue this.

David P. has asked for a new copy of documents from Task Force for Sunshine.

Mr. Warfield agrees with changes to 67.25. Also a push for penalties to impose for not complying with 67.25.

11. Special meeting for 3/30 might be too soon for hearing on Coalition on Homelessness.

David P.: what is availability of members.

Try for 3/30 for Special Meeting.

Bruce: Rules Committee needs to push for a commitment from people to attend meetings.

David P. will push for.

Concerns of body to have a Special meeting of 4/30.

12. Agenda 3/30

Coalition on Homelessness/Task Force for Sunshine

Hilda's review of procedures

Bob's

Johnny's letter to policy

Bob moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bruce. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.