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Subject: January 13 Agenda Item on Subcommittees

Dear Colleges,

Here are my thoughts related to the formation of sub-committees that is on our agenda for this Thursday.

Given the information presented to us to date, it appears that there are 2 sub-committees that should be formed initially - Infrastructure Projects and Finance. As our efforts evolve and we have a tangible work product, we should create a sub-committee that assesses presentation and implementation strategies. Finally, there should be a report(s) writing group composed of the 2 co-chairs and maybe one or two other Commission Members.

For the purpose of this Thursday's meeting, I suggest we focus on the two major sub-committees: Infrastructure Projects and Finance.

The general charge for the Projects Sub-Committee would involve classifying projects into several major categories such as buildings, roads and sidewalks, park upgrades, etc. as the sub-committee sees fit. This sub-committee would work on revisiting project selection criteria and prioritization and timing of projects.

The Finance Sub-committee would be charged with getting a firm handle on all the numbers related to the identified projects - make sure numbers are up to date and accurate, creating a workable and common definition for the dollars (like 2011 dollars). To be able to identify the key revenues and reserves that can flow to infrastructure projects and how they relate to and are influenced by expenses in the general fund. To fully articulate the "gap" (if there is one after the projects sub-committee sets priorities) and the possible revenue sources and cost reductions that could eliminate the gap. With each revenue enhancement and cost reduction effort the benefits and drawbacks of each should be identified.

In terms of specifics, each sub-committee could work on items identified in 12/15/10 Attachment C, parts II and III and review the exhibits prepared for the January 13th meeting.

We could have approximately 8 members and 7 members in each with the co-chairs acting as "floaters" between the 2.

Each sub-committee could decide if it is necessary or desirable to break down the sub-committees further to better focus on certain issues. A further breakdown may have the additional benefit of avoiding possible Brown Act violations.

Although I would be glad to serve on either sub-committee, I feel I can make my greatest contribution through Finance and would like to serve on that sub-committee. If I need to elaborate further as to why I should be placed in finance, I would be glad to do so. Thank you. Looking forward to the New Year and great Commission progress on this effort.

Regards,

Mark