

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of February 13, 2019

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Al Nagy, City of Newark, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President Al Nagy at the Double Tree by Hilton located at 39900 Balentine Drive, Newark, California.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The following mayors, or their elected alternates, were present during the proceedings:

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Rochelle Nason
Dublin	Mayor Dave Haubert
Emeryville	Mayor Ally Medina
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Piedmont	Mayor Robert McBain
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the January 9, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to approve the January 9, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no amendments

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Darien Louie, Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance announced the East Bay Innovation Awards event and the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame event.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

There were no reports presented.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

It was moved by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci and seconded by Mayor Ally Medina to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor, City of Alameda as a Committee Member to the East Bay Economic

Development Alliance Executive Committee commencing upon appointment and running until June 1, 2020. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci and seconded by Mayor Medina to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor, City of San Leandro as an Alternate Member to the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board commencing on appointment and running for a period of two years. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

Vice President Nagy informed members of the current regional board openings and timelines for submittal of applications and anticipated appointments as listed in the agenda report for this item.

7. Other Business Matters

No other business matters presented.

8. Host City Mayor's Report

Vice President Nagy welcomed attendees and introduced City of Newark councilmembers, and staff members. He presented a PowerPoint detailing current development activities occurring in the City of Newark including the transformation of the NewPark mall site that has recently added new businesses including 24 Hour Fitness and a Holiday Inn. In addition, Vice President Nagy indicated the City recently completed a specific plan for the site that when developed will add luxury apartments, retail and other amenities. He then played a video displaying an artist rendering of the site based on the specific plan's goals.

Vice President Nagy noted that a total of 1,400 family housing units were developed in the past year with additional units planned for the near future. The City also added new senior housing units.

Vice President Nagy indicated the development of two major high-tech commercial facilities including Gateway 84 which is 400,000 SF and the Morton Commerce Center which is 645,000 SF. Both facilities will lease considerable space to Facebook.

Vice President Nagy also indicated that the City adopted a city parks master plan that includes planning for a dog park, skate park and all-weather sports fields. He then played a video of an artist's rendering of the planned new civic center project that will include a new two-story library and new administration buildings, a community plaza, and a police building. The schedule anticipates occupying the facilities within two years.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were suggested.

10. Meeting Presentation

Vice President Nagy introduced Dick Ackerman and Don Perata to discuss the opioid crisis and litigation options for cities and county governments, including asking the California Supreme Court to consolidate recently filed cases. Mr. Perata indicated that both he and Mr. Ackerman were in the State Senate when the tobacco compromise was developed and that the money from that compromise went to state reserves. He further indicated that the impact of opioid abuse on communities dwarfs the financial impact of that the smoking problem had and is currently having. His hope is that the cities will participate in a lawsuit seeking compensation for offsetting the cost this issue.

Mr. Ackerman indicated that opioid deaths now surpass automobile deaths and that his focus is determining what is the appropriate response for communities who have been dealing with this issue and those that will continue dealing with it for many years to come. Pursuing lawsuits against drug manufacturers to pay cities for the costs incurred as a result of the opioid problem is the course of action that should be pursued.

Cities have a choice of doing nothing, joining the legal suit in the state of Ohio or participating in a legal action in the state of California. Alameda County has already signed up to participate and he encouraged other to do so as well. Mr. Ackerman stressed that all service will be on a contingency basis with no cost to cities, win or lose.

Mr. Ackerman indicated that there seems to be good data demonstrating a number of prescription and police actions related to this problem throughout Alameda County and that the total cost of the settlement nationally could be up to \$400 billion. His focus is to assure that cities and not the state get the most money possible. He suggested that cities make a determination regarding involvement and take action within the next 60 to 90 days. However, he said cities don't have to be part of the initial action to gain from any settlement.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director