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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF:

Meeting of:	Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
Date:	September 23, 2014
Time:	9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mario Carlino, Committee Chairman
Seth H. Handy
Ronald Leone
Vincent Mesoella
Harold Gadon, CAC

MEMBERS ABSENT:

James S. Bennett
Richard Burroughs
Alan Nathan

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Raymond J. Marshall, NBC Executive Director
Thomas Uva, NBC
Jennifer Harrington, NBC
Karen Musumeci, NBC
Karen Giebink, NBC
Richard Bernier, NBC
Deborah Samson, NBC

Linda George, Senate
Laurie Horridge, NBC
Tom Brueckner, NBC
Joe Pratt, Louis Berger Group
Paul Nordstrom, NBC

1. Call to Order

Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Mario Carlino called the September 23, 2014 Long Range Planning Committee Meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2014 – Joint LRP Finance Committee

Chairman Carlino asked for a motion to approve the April 29, 2014 Joint LRP- Finance Committee meeting minutes as written. Chairman Mesolella moved to approve the minutes of the Joint LRP-Finance Committee meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Handy seconded the motion. The vote taken by the Long Range Planning Committee was unanimous. The motion carries.

3. Items for Action

A. Organizational Discussion

Mr. Marshall advised that he would like to bring everyone on the Committee up to date. He stated that historically the Long Range Planning Committee has had kind of a quiet role over the last several years. The largest involvement has been in the area of discussing where the system could potentially expand as well as many of the Environmental Enforcement Fund items. The Long Range Planning Committee has met a number of times jointly with the Finance Committee.

Mr. Marshall stated that there are a number of new opportunities that are now emerging that NBC Chairman Mesolella felt required more of a focused look by a Committee and he determined that the best Committee to do that would be the Long Range Planning Committee.

Some of the items that you will be asked to consider, evaluate and act on would be the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that has historically gone before the Construction Engineering and Operation Committee (CEO) it will now be transferred under your purview. Phase III of the CSO the reevaluation we are going to have a presentation for the Committee next month. Storm water responsibilities, as you know there is that regional study that is being done which is headed up by the City of Providence and DEM that we have been participating in. Both myself and Tom Uva have been attending meetings and they are ready to move into their next phase which will occur between November and June. There is the issue of ownership of lateral sewers. Legislation has emerged in the General Assembly a couple of times over the last several years. And then there are other issues of a very focused or limited nature. You will hear about one today that has to do with North Providence and Mineral Spring Avenue.

So, those are the subjects that we really need the Long Range Planning Committee to look at. Others might include what would we like to do about other alternative energy opportunities; whether it's solar or biogas or whatever. The Chairman has indicated he would like this Committee spend time on these issues.

Mr. Marshall asked Chairman Mesolella if he had anything he would like to add.

Chairman Mesolella stated that he does have one thing to add that the Executive Director has not mentioned and he has not had an opportunity to discuss it with him for this agenda but he has discussed it in the past. He advised that one of the things that is important for us to start to contemplate is some succession planning. It's not an immediate concern but I think we need to start to take a look at where is the Commission going, we should be thinking about for the future.

Mr. Marshall stated that he had mentioned at the other Committee meetings held earlier today that he is assigning various staff members to each Committee so Committee members have easier access to information and follow-up. Tom Uva and Tom Brueckner will be the staff members that will be available to the Long Range Planning Committee and you are also free to call me as well.

In terms of meetings we will probably have Long Range Planning meetings prior to the Board meetings. As you know every Committee doesn't meet every month, the only exceptions to that are Finance and CEO. But the Long Range Planning may become one of those committees that meet every Board day. The Committee is also free to have a meeting on "off Board meeting day" whether it is first thing in the

morning or at lunch time. If you feel there is a big issue that the committee wants to spend an hour and half or two hours discussing that would be hard to do on a Board meeting day.

These are things that the Committee in conjunction with the Chairman can start to focus on. If you have something that you would like to hear about other than what I am about to offer you which is an update on Phase III then let me know.

At the next meeting one of the biggest issues that I want to get before the entire Board is the whole affordability issue. We have had a lot of internal discussion on that. At the next Stakeholders meeting on October 23 the Stakeholders are going to hear about affordability. Our intention was to bring that discussion into the full Board meeting at the October meeting but prior to the full Board we would do it at Long Range Planning first. The information will include a presentation from the consultant MWH as well as Tom Brueckner so the Committee can get a good feel for where we are in the process and then we will take it before the Board.

Also, at the December 9 Board meeting we might have the MWH come back and talk about the actual recommended plan.

Committee Chairman Carlino stated that there are a lot of things that the Committee will be undertaking in the next couple of years. He mentioned to the Executive Director that he has no problem scheduling a meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee on an off Board day and any meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee will be posted in accordance with the open meeting rules.

4. Other Business

None.

5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Leone, seconded by Commissioner Handy and the Long Range Planning Committee meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond J. Marshall, P.E.
Executive Director/Secretary