

REPRESENTATIVE POLICY BOARD

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

NOVEMBER 16, 2024

MEETING TRANSCRIPTION

Naomi:

Hi, I want to call the meeting to order. First of all, Jennifer did say that there are no members of the public here, correct?

Jennifer:

Yes.

Naomi:

Okay, so we'll move on to the safety moment and tonight we have the holiday safety tips. There's quite a few of them. Start with the first one, and be sure to inspect your electrical decorations. Do not overload your electrical outlets and never connect more than three strings of lights together. Be sure if you have a fresh tree to keep it watered. Use battery operated candles. Protect cords from damage. Check decorations for certification. And when you're cooking, please stay in the kitchen as close to there as you can be. And also, before you go to bed at night or you leave your house, be sure to unplug your electrical things, okay? So when you come back, you'll still be able to go home inside the house.

Rich:

Question for you, who comes up with these safety moments every month?

Naomi:

Jennifer does.

Rich:

Jennifer, do you have a single source that you go out to and they give you new ones every month or every week, or what?

Jennifer:

No, I just look for monthly safety moments, and you can find a lot of them out there.

Naomi:

Okay. Can I get someone to approve the minutes from the last meeting?

Stephen:

So moved.

Naomi:

Okay. Who was that? Rich?

Stephen:

Steve.

Naomi:

Ok.

Stephen:

You need a second.

Rich:

I'll second.

Naomi:

[inaudible 00:03:33] second. Rich, okay.

Rich:

Yes.

Naomi:

Okay, the motion has been made by Steve to approve the minutes and seconded by Rich. Are you ready for the questions? All those that are in favor, let it be known by the sight of saying aye or your hand up on the screen, whichever.

Committee members:

Aye.

Naomi:

Those that are opposed have the same right. Hearing none, it's [inaudible 00:03:58] I declare. Okay, moving right on. Rochelle, you're up.

Rochelle:

Yes. So the schedule for the fiscal 2026 budget is consistent with what we've done in the past as far as giving both boards, the authority board as well as the representative policy board and the committees about two weeks between when we send out the budget and when we suggest the review meetings occur. So based on this year's schedule, we are planning on sending the preliminary budget to the RPB on April 2nd. One of the things that is noted in italics, we'd like to send it electronically if everyone's okay with that. But if you still want a binder, we can arrange for that. And then based on the schedule, again, allowing approximately two weeks, we're proposing that we meet with consumer affairs between the 14th and the 18th. And I believe, Jennifer, keep me honest, the Finance Committee picked the 17th.

Jennifer:

No, the seventh.

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Naomi:

No, no, the seventh.

Rochelle:

The seventh, okay.

Jennifer:

Yes.

Rochelle:

And they were okay with doing that, it's really early.

Mark:

Didn't Land Use pick a day too? I think it was that Thursday, whatever that date is.

Jennifer:

Land Use picked the 17th.

Rochelle:

Oh, so we're not doing any of them together?

Naomi:

Yeah. Well, we're waiting for us for the Consumer Affairs right, because we want to do ours the same night as theirs, so that-

Rochelle:

Oh, okay. Oh, okay.

Jennifer:

Yes.

Rochelle:

Got it.

Naomi:

That would be on the seventh [inaudible 00:06:01].

Rochelle:

Oh, okay. So it'd be the seventh and the 17th.

Naomi:

Right.

Rochelle:

Got it.

Naomi:

And that'll be the combined.

Rochelle:

Okay, got it.

Naomi:

Okay. Did everybody hear that?

Mark:

Yes.

Jeff:

The seventh is the other date now?

Naomi:

Yes.

Jeff:

What I'm looking at is April 14th on both?

Rochelle:

Yes, if the Finance Committee, I know there was a lot of discussion, Jennifer, keep me honest here. And there was some back and forth about whether they were comfortable doing it on the seventh, which is only a few days [inaudible 00:06:37] after they get the material. We had originally proposed somewhere between the 14th and the 18th, but I guess they did settle on being willing to do it on the seventh.

Jeff:

Okay, thank you.

Speaker 8:

And the 18th is a holiday? I think, isn't it a Good Friday?

Jennifer:

Is the 18th Good Friday?

Rochelle:

It probably is, but-

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Naomi:

Okay. Okay, so we've decided we're going to be on the Thursday, April 17th for the joint one.

Jennifer:

For the joint one at 5:30?

Naomi:

5:30.

Jennifer:

Okay.

Rich:

If either Consumer Affairs and Land Use can't make it, they can go to the Finance one.

Naomi:

Correct, right.

Rochelle:

Right.

Naomi:

Okay, Rochelle?

Rochelle:

I don't have anything else.

Naomi:

Next we'll hear from Jeff.

Jeff:

Not much going on the OCA's front. No consumer complaints pending. The only application that's pending at the RPB level right now is a land disposition in Seymour. As you can tell from my bill, nothing really else going on.

Mark:

That's a good thing.

Naomi:

That's a good thing [inaudible 00:08:01].

Jeff:

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It's always good. It's like the Maytag repairman.

Naomi:

Okay. Okay. Could I get someone to make a motion to approve Jeff's invoice for November?

Mark:

So moved.

Stephen:

I'll second it.

Naomi:

Okay, it has been moved by Mark and seconded by Steve that we approve Jeff's invoice. All those that are in favor, let it be known by the sign or saying yes, aye, whatever.

Committee members:

Yes.

Naomi:

Okay, thank you. Does anybody have any new business?

Mark:

I'd just like to ask Rochelle if there's any, or Catherine, if there's any updates on what's happening with the Authority?

Jeff:

Not in public.

Rochelle:

Yes, not in public.

Mark:

Yeah, okay.

Jeff:

Is this a regular meeting?

Rochelle:

Yes.

Jeff:

They could add an executive session to the agenda if they wanted to.

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Rochelle:

If you want, but we can't discuss it publicly.

Mark:

Okay. I'll wait.

Naomi:

Always Thursday.

Jeff:

It might be the shortest meeting Consumer Affairs we ever had. That's quicker than Bob's Executive Committee meeting.

Naomi:

Do you have any topics for us?

Prem:

No, I think what I could say is the next month in January as we go into the new year, we will have a lot of communications coming through. Of course, we'll be talking to the Authority on a new platform for CIS. So there's a lot of communication activities are happening so there will be a meeting that we will discuss, probably January or February based on how it lights up. So I know this is a short meeting, but there's been lots going on in preparation for that. I just wanted to add, and I'll talk to, of course, Naomi, and we all will discuss how to position that meeting, but more to come, right? Happy actually for this short meeting and how Jeff had mentioned there's not any consumer claims outside, so which is good. Just keeping it that way. Thank you.

Naomi:

Okay, thank you. Well, does anybody have anything else?

Rich:

I'll make a motion to adjourn.

Mark:

Second.

Naomi:

Second. Okay. Well, thank you everybody. See you on Thursday.