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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE: October 8, 2008**  
**TIME: 12:00 Noon**  
**PLACE: COG Board Room**

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Knapp will begin the meeting promptly at Noon.  
Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.**

**A G E N D A**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
(12:00 Noon)**  
  
**Chairman Michael Knapp  
Council President, Montgomery County**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2008  
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**  
  
**Chairman Knapp**  
  
a) NARC/NGA Event  
b) Executive Director's Report
  - o Outreach
  - o Letters Sent/Received
  - o Legislative Report Update
  - o Information Items
- 4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA  
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**
- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS  
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Item 11.A. and 11.B.**

## **6. REGIONAL IMPACTS OF FINANCIAL AND CREDIT CRISIS**

### **A. Adoption of Resolution Supporting Continued Charitable Giving by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae**

**(12:20 – 12:35 p.m.)**

**Justin Wilson**  
**Council Member, City of Alexandria**  
**Member, Human Services Policy Committee**

**David Robertson**  
**Executive Director**

Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae perform vital roles in the nation's housing markets and are also significant businesses and employers in the Washington area, together donating approximately \$47 million to area non-profits and community groups in 2007. Both Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae were placed under federal conservatorship in September to restructure the organizations and stabilize housing finance markets. Federal regulators are reviewing the charitable giving activities of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae as part of their restructuring responsibilities. COG has been part of a coalition of area organizations, including the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers, the Non-Profit Roundtable of Greater Washington and others urging that federal regulators not lose sight of the vital, positive community impact Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae charitable giving has had on thousands of families and many communities in the National Capital Region. The Human Services Policy Committee met on September 25 and recommended that the COG Board of Directors convey its support for continued charitable giving by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae as part of any federal restructuring of these organizations.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R57-08.**

### **B. Briefing on Impact on Local Government Credit and Bonding**

**(12:35 – 12:55 p.m.)**

**Jackie Byers**  
**Director of Research**  
**National Association of Counties**

**JoAnne Carter**  
**Managing Director**  
**The PFM Group**

Tightening credit, rising interest rates and uncertainty about national and global efforts to stabilize financial markets have begun to affect the ability of local governments, including those with otherwise strong bond ratings, to borrow money to support schools, road improvements and other municipal projects, including governments. The Board will be briefed on the impact on local governments nationally as well as in the Washington area and discuss ways to strengthen the ability of local governments to responsibly borrow to address public infrastructure needs.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**7. BRIEFING ON INITIAL WASHINGTON REGION PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2010 CENSUS  
(12:55 – 1:15 p.m.)**

**Fernando Armstrong**  
**Regional Director, Philadelphia Regional Census Office**

**William Hatcher**  
**Regional Director, Charlotte Regional Census Office**

Every ten years, COG works closely with local governments in the Washington region and the U.S. Census Bureau to prepare for the decennial census. In addition to determining the apportionment of Congressional representation, U.S. Census data is also used to allocate nearly \$300 billion in federal funds to towns, cities and communities around the country. COG will soon begin its Census 2010 program to promote the Census, one key element of which will be the creation of a COG Regional Complete Count Committee. Mr. Hatcher and Mr. Armstrong will brief the Board on the working activities of the U.S. Census Bureau, its preparation for Census Day, April 1, 2010, and how COG can be an important partner in this initiative.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**8. ENDORSEMENT OF greenSPACE LEARNING CENTER AND COG GREEN BUILDING POLICY  
UPDATE  
(1:15 – 1:40 p.m.)**

**Stuart A. Freudberg**  
**Director, Department of Environmental Programs, COG**

**Joan Kelsch**  
**Senior Environmental Planner, Arlington County**  
**Chair, Intergovernmental Green Building Group**

In December, 2007, the Board adopted a regional green building policy that included recommendations for public and private green building standards. Mr. Freudberg and Ms. Kelsch will update the Board on local government implementation of the regional green building policy and recent discussions concerning expanding the policy to include new single family residential buildings. A central element of the regional green building policy is the need for continuing training and establishing information clearing house to facilitate regional green building implementation. COG's Intergovernmental Green Building Group recently reviewed and endorsed the proposed "greenSPACE" learning center that would help fill this void. Ms. Kelsch will summarize this initiative and seek conceptual support for the proposal by the Board.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R58-08.**

**9. STATUS OF MUTUAL AID IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION  
(1:40 – 1:50 p.m.)**

**Lee Ruck**  
**General Counsel, COG**

During its November 2005 meeting, the Board adopted Resolution R44-05 supporting the execution of a National Capital Region mutual aid agreement. Mr. Ruck will review the process of mutual aid in the NCR, including the current status of the NCR Mutual Aid Agreement and the various Operations Plans governing the procedure for intergovernmental assistance by first responders.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**10. MEMBER TIME  
(1:50 – 2:00 p.m.)**

Chairman Knapp will invite members to identify issues for brief discussion and possible referral to one of COG's policy committees or staff for subsequent discussion and action by the Board.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Resolution Approving COG's Policy and Program Priorities from the July 2008 Retreat**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R46-08 approving COG's policy and program outcomes from the July 2008 retreat. Due to an administrative error, Resolution R46-08 was not presented for the Board's adoption during its September 10, 2008 meeting as docketed. The resolution endorses the comprehensive short and long term priorities identified by COG's leadership and requests that the appropriate policy boards and committees, as identified in the summary report, return to the Board for a briefing upon completion of their respective priorities.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R46-08.**

**B. Resolution Revising Resolution R43-08 to Reflect Updated Budget Estimates for COG to Receive and Expend Funds from the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R59-08, revising Resolution R43-08 and authorizing the Executive Director to receive and expend funding from the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority in an amount not to exceed \$560,000 for the purpose of conducting water quality monitoring in the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers to assess pollution abatement actions. This resolution will also authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Virginia Tech's Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory in an amount not to exceed \$480,000 to provide COG with technical and scientific services in undertaking the implementation of water quality monitoring in the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R59-09.**



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