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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 9, 2005  
**TIME:** 12:00 Noon  
**PLACE:** COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE:** Chair Davis 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)  

**Chair Judith Davis**  
**Mayor, City of Greenbelt**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2005**  
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)
3. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**  
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)  

**Chair Davis**

  - a) Recognition of Outgoing Policy Chairs
  - b) 2005 Homeless Services Directory
  - c) Growth Trends Publication
  - d) Executive Director's Report/Letters Sent and Received
5. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**RECOMMENDATION ACTION:** Adopt Consent Agenda Items 9.A. – 9.D.

**6. STATEMENTS BY 2005 COG BOARD LEADERSHIP  
(12:15 – 12:30 p.m.)**

**Chair Davis**

**Jay Fisette  
Chairman, Arlington County Board  
COG Board Vice Chair**

**Anthony Williams  
Mayor, District of Columbia  
COG Board Vice Chair**

Mayor Judith Davis, City of Greenbelt, Board Chair Jay Fisette, Arlington County, and Mayor Anthony Williams, District of Columbia, were elected COG Board Chair and Vice Chairs, respectively, at the January 12 Board meeting. Chair Davis will outline plans to continue the multi-year focus on regional growth and development issues. Vice Chairs Fisette and Williams will highlight their goals for strengthening regionalism in the Washington metropolitan area.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentations.**

**7. FINDINGS FROM HOUSING IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL 2004 AND  
DISCUSSION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
(12:30 – 1:15 p.m.)**

**Marge Turner  
Urban Institute**

**Thomas Thompson  
Director, Housing and Community  
Development, Prince George's County  
Chair, Housing Directors Advisory  
Committee**

**Catherine Hudgins  
Supervisor, Fairfax County  
Member, Washington Area Housing Trust  
Fund**

Fannie Mae Foundation and the Urban Institute have published *Housing in the Nation's Capital 2004*, which examines the consequences of our region's exceptionally strong growth, particularly on housing affordability, the spatial mismatch of jobs and housing, and commuting times. Ms. Marge Turner of the Urban Institute will present the findings from *Housing in the Nation's Capital 2004*, as well as the strategic opportunities the region can address.

Thomas Thompson, Prince George's County Director of Housing and Community Development and incoming Chair of COG's Housing Directors Advisory Committee, will review COG's 2001 affordable housing policy, *Finding a Way Home: Building Communities with Affordable Housing*, the progress made to date on implementing the strategies and areas where the region can work together going forward.

Catherine M. Hudgins, Fairfax County Supervisor and member of WAHTF, will provide an update on the activities of Trust Fund and ask COG's Board of Directors to adopt Resolution R4-05, seeking continued government and private sector support for WAHTF.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing, provide feedback to COG committees and staff, and adopt Resolution R4-05.**

**8. UPDATE ON "REALITY CHECK ON GROWTH" EVENT AND PROPOSED NEXT STEPS  
(1:15 – 1:45 p.m.)**

**Len Forkas  
Chair, Urban Land Institute - Washington**

**Jay Fisette  
Chairman, Arlington County Board  
Member, Reality Check Advisory  
Committee**

On February 2, the Washington District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI Washington) hosted "Reality Check on Growth," a one-day participatory GIS-based exercise similar to those recently completed in Los Angeles and Utah. Nearly 300 regional political, business, development, community, and environmental leaders were invited to collaboratively analyze and develop alternative growth scenarios for our rapidly growing region. In January 2004, ULI staff briefed the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) on the event and in February 2004, the COG Board adopted Resolution R9-04 recommending COG's participation. Mr. Forkas will highlight Reality Check outcomes and Board Vice Chair Fisette, who served on the Reality Check Advisory Committee, will identify next steps by the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee and other committees.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Provide recommendations.**

**9. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**(A) Appointment of 2005 Policy Committee Vice Chairs**

Chair Davis will appoint or reappoint the vice chairs of the following COG Board policy committees in 2005: Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee, Human Services Policy Committee, Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, and Public Safety Policy Committee. Vice Chairs for the Committee on Noise Abatement and Aviation and National and Dulles Airports and the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council are chosen through a separate appointment process.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve appointments.**

**(B) Approval of Letter Concerning Use Of Regional Homeland Security Funds for Inaugural Related Security**

The National Capital Region, with assistance from COG, has developed governance and planning structures for the use of federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funds for planning, training, exercise and equipment needs. UASI funds are jointly administered by the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, with the District serving as the state administrative agent. The District was recently advised by federal officials that a portion of previously approved regional UASI funds would be used to reimburse the District for

inaugural related security costs. The Mayor of the District of Columbia and several local elected officials and members of the congressional delegation have opposed the use of UASI funds for inaugural related security costs, noting that UASI funds are intended for regional homeland security enhancements and that in the past, special appropriations were approved for inaugural expenses. The COG Board will be asked to approve a letter to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the region's congressional delegation opposing the use of regional UASI funds and urging that special funds be identified to support these costs.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve proposed letter.**

**(C) Foster Care Grant**

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to accept grant funds from the Freddie Mac Foundation for the 2005 Regional Foster Parent Appreciation Gala. Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 will be accepted. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R5-05.**

**(D) Regional Solid Waste Debris Annex**

In 2003, the National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council (NRC EPC) recommended that COG create a Solid Waste Debris Annex for the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP). The annex provides data about current resources and about the mechanism for coordinating information during an event. It also includes several useful tools: a GIS computer program to estimate debris quantities, a template to assist local governments with writing their own plan, and a template for debris removal and disposal contracts. The annex in its current state is an interim step towards the goal of a single National Capital Region Debris Annex that includes operational information to be supplied by local, state, and federal agencies. COG is supporting the U.S. Army Corp or Engineers with development of the next operational phase of the annex. The NCR EPC recommended that the annex be included in the Regional Emergency Coordination Plan at its January meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R6-05.**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2005.**

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