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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 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 FEBRUARY 9, 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) **Board Policy Focus for 2005**
  - b) **First Annual Animal Services Awards**
  - c) **Metro Funding Panel Report – Follow-up Status**
  - d) **Executive Director's Report/Letters Sent and Received**
5. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**RECOMMENDATION ACTION:** Adopt Consent Agenda Item 12.A. & 12.B.

**6. OFFICE OF NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION COORDINATION BRIEFING  
(12:15 – 12:45 p.m.)**

**Tom Lockwood  
Director, Office of National Capital Region  
Coordination, U.S. Department of  
Homeland Security**

COG was an early advocate for the creation of a special office within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security focused on the National Capital Region. Tom Lockwood, who now heads the Office of National Capital Region Coordination (ONCRC), works closely with COG and other local, regional, state and federal stakeholders to strengthen emergency preparedness and coordination. Mr. Lockwood will brief the COG Board on ONCRC priorities and activities, progress on federal agency coordination, and ongoing efforts to improve homeland security governance and decision-making.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**7. PRESENTATION ON CRIME AND CRIME CONTROL IN THE COG REGION – 2002  
& 2003  
(12:45 – 1:05 p.m.)**

**Tom Manger  
Chief of Police, Montgomery County Police  
Department, Member, COG Police Chiefs  
Committee**

The Police Chiefs Committee, in conjunction with its Police Planners Subcommittee, annually collects and analyzes selected crime statistics for the Washington metropolitan area. Such information has proven useful in aiding law enforcement agencies and policy officials in assessing crime trends and establishing local and regional crime-fighting priorities. The most recent report completed was for a two-year period reflecting data received for 2002 and 2003. The COG Board will also be briefed on changes in the way in which some local law enforcement agencies collect crime statistics and on current activities of the COG Police Chiefs Committee.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**8. PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE GANG WORK PLAN  
(1:05 – 1:20 p.m.)**

**Penelope Gross  
Supervisor, Fairfax County  
Chair, Public Safety Policy Committee**

COG has taken a leadership role in developing a 24-month work plan to address gang activity in the National Capital Region, following the Regional Gang Summit in September 2004. Supervisor Penelope Gross, Chair of the Public Safety Policy Committee, will brief the Board on the work plan and next steps.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Review and approve proposed work plan.**

**9. ADOPTION AND TRANSMITTAL OF COG ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED FY 2006 FEDERAL BUDGET  
(1:20 – 1:35 p.m.)**

**David Robertson  
Executive Director**

**Lee Ruck  
General Counsel**

The President's Proposed FY 2006 Budget, released on February 2, 2005, contains many direct and indirect financial implications for the National Capital Region, for the State and local governments comprising the Region, for those governments which are participating jurisdictions of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), and for COG, itself. At the request of the Board of Directors, COG staff has prepared a preliminary analysis of the President's budget submission, with particular attention to those proposals -- both increases and cuts -- which have particular relevance to the National Capital Region.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R7-05.**

**10. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report  
(1:35 – 1:45 p.m.)**

**Robert Bobb  
City Administrator, District of Columbia  
COG Secretary-Treasurer**

The COG Board will be briefed on COG's second quarter FY 2005 financial report.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report.**

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

**Chair Davis**

The COG Board Chair will recommend the following administrative appointments for 2005:

- A. Annual Retreat Planning Committee** – Appoint members to assist the Chair and staff in planning the July 22-24 retreat.
- B. Pension Plan Administrative Committee** – Appoint Robert Bobb, Secretary-Treasurer, to serve on the committee, which is responsible for providing oversight for COG's employee pension plan and for advising the Board on any plan amendments. Mr. Bobb replaces Michael Knapp, who previously served as Secretary-Treasurer.
- C. Employee Compensation and Benefits Review Committee** – Appoint members to serve on the committee, which is responsible for providing oversight to the Board on the annual evaluation of the executive director and for advising the Board on any revisions to COG employee compensation and benefits.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R8-05.**

**12. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

**(A) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Grant Proposal to the Summit Fund of Washington to Implement its Increasing the Effectiveness and Influence of Anacostia Watershed Citizen-Based Groups.**

The Board is requested to adopt R9-05, which would authorize the Executive Director to submit a grant proposal in the amount not to exceed \$38,000 to increase the effectiveness and influence of Anacostia Watershed citizen-based groups through the period of 12 months from the receipt of funding and to enter into a contract with the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to provide support for the Anacostia subwatershed group expansion. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R9-05.**

**(B) Approval of FY 2005 UASI Subgrant for COG Homeland Security Planning and Technical Support**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R10-05, authorizing the executive director or his designee to apply for and accept an FY 2005 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) subgrant to provide regional support for homeland security activities in the National Capital Region. Project tasks include planning and secretariat support for the Emergency Preparedness Council, CAOs Committee and several Regional Emergency Support Function (R-ESF) groups, as well as project technical support. UASI funds are awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, with the District of Columbia serving as the grant administrator. COG will seek FY 2005 UASI funds in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million for direct support for all secretariat, planning and technical tasks for the period April 2005 through March 2007. No matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R10-05.**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005.**

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