

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002-4290**

**MINUTES  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
COG Board Room**

**April 13, 2011**

**BOARD MEMBERS, ALTERNATES AND PARTICIPANTS PRESENT AND NOT PRESENT**

**\*SEE ATTACHED CHART FOR ATTENDANCE**

**STAFF**

**David J. Robertson, Executive Director  
Sharon Pandak, General Counsel  
Diane Humke, Clerk to the Board**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Harrison called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

**2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Harrison announced the COG Leadership Retreat will be July 22 - 24 at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay. Staff handed out Save the Date post cards with a survey on the back listing potential topics for the retreat.

**3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Robertson briefed a joint meeting of elected officials from Rockville and Gaithersburg on WMATA governance and funding.

COG's street smart safety campaign received media attention this month. The Campaign kickoff was held with public safety members in the District of Columbia, additional information about the outcomes of the campaigns with regard to bicycle and pedestrian safety issues will be forthcoming.

CAFN brochures which focus on assistance for renters and landlords facing foreclosure were distributed. The brochures are printed in 5 different languages and staff has more to be distributed as needed.

Mr. Robertson provided a brief update on the status of the FY2011 budget appropriation retention agreed to in Congress. Funding was retained for the HUD sustainable communities planning grant, BRAC related transportation improvements, and funding for another round of Tiger II grants. There are no riders included for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL issues. Of significant note; the \$150 million for Metro funding was included. Mr. Robertson acknowledged that the support from the jurisdictions assisted in securing the large amount of funding.

There is a reduction of 18 percent in the UASI grants, there is a question as to how the money will be divided and COG will monitor it carefully to obtain the answers. Zero funding for high speed rail issues and a modest reduction from Transit Capital grants. A more detailed report will be provided as information becomes available.

COG's Regional Directory and Report have been distributed and is available on the web.

The Regional Incident Response Action plan was distributed and there will be a Committee meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.

This year's Foster Parent appreciation event will be held at Nationals Park, delegates from each jurisdiction are encouraged to attend to honor local foster families.

#### **4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no amendments to the Agenda.

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MARCH 9, 2011 MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 9, 2011 meeting were approved and adopted as amended. Abstention: Euille

#### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Supplemental Documents: R18-11 through R21-11.

##### **A. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Subgrant for Additional Tasks to be Added to the Police Chiefs' Contract for Subject Matter Expertise and Professional and Technical Support.**

The Board adopted Resolution R18-2011 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to receive and expend UASI funds from the State Administrative Agent in the amount not to exceed \$43,153. The COG Police Chiefs Committee has identified the need for subject matter expertise and technical assistance that exceeds the current contract agreement to support the National Capital Region Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LInX) program. No COG Matching funds are required.

##### **B. Resolution Recognizing National Community Development Week.**

The Board adopted Resolution R19-2011, recognizing National Community Development Week and encouraging participation in COG's April 25 forum on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding programs in Metropolitan Washington. Through Region Forward, COG has made the production, preservation and distribution of affordable housing a priority. HUD's Community Development Block Grant and other related programs have provided localities with the resources

necessary, roughly \$82.4 million in FY 2010, to increase the region's affordable housing stock and meet the housing needs of low-income residents. Recent attempts by Congress to drastically reduce CDBG's budget will significantly limit local governments', and the region's, ability to meet our affordable housing needs.

**C. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend Funding to Support a Regional Foster Care Appreciation Event at Nationals Park.**

The Board adopted Resolution R20-2011, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend \$60,000 in funds from the Freddie Mac Foundation for an appreciation event at Nationals Stadium to honor the region's foster parents and children, and the production of a video PSA to recruit additional foster parents. COG's Child Welfare Program finds loving homes for foster children and supports COG's regional colleagues in the public sector. In partnership with local and state child welfare agencies, the program achieves positive outcomes for youth in foster care by bolstering local governments' foster and adoptive parent recruitment and retention initiatives.

**D. Resolution for Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend a UASI Subgrant for the Purpose of Planning and Designing for CCTV Cameras, Detection Systems, Physical Security Systems, and Other Appropriate Technologies on Identified Bridges and Tunnels Accessing the District of Columbia.**

The Board adopted Resolution R21-2011, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) subgrant in an amount not to exceed \$1,825,000 for the purpose of implementing regional critical infrastructure security projects in the National Capital Region. Funding will be provided to COG by the State Administrative Agent. No COG matching funds are required.

**ACTION: Upon motion made, and seconded, Resolutions R18-11 through R21-11 were unanimously approved and adopted.**

**7. PRESENTATION ON WMATA BOARD GOVERNANCE ACTIONS**

COG co-sponsored the Joint WMATA Governance Review Task Force with the Greater Washington Board of Trade in 2010. The Task Force released its report in November 2010, which recommended several short-term and long-term actions to improve the effectiveness of WMATA governance earlier this year. In addition to being briefed on the Task Force report, the COG Board heard from the Metro Riders Advisory Council concerning its governance review and joint efforts by the leadership of the District, Maryland and Virginia Departments of Transportation to implement recommended governance actions. WMATA has advanced several governance actions, including establishing its own standing Governance Committee.

Catherine Hudgins, Fairfax County Supervisor, WMATA Board Chair, outlined a plan to move forward with strategic planning and long term goals. There is a great need to prepare for regional goals and WMATA recognizes the need to build new relationships. (There is a new orientation that all employees new and old have taken and WMATA is building a plan to address how and when to make changes.) WMATA is focusing on roles and responsibilities and how to build good working relationships.

Richard Sarles, WMATA General Manager, said that there is a focus on policy and looking at the region as a whole. There is new board unity to try and achieve a long range plan and to begin rebuilding WMATA. Last year there were huge strides made with regards to safety and security and that is a main focus for this year as well. There is a safety and security committee that meets

monthly and members are encouraged to raise issues and know that action will be taken. Mr. Sarles emphasized that funding is important and COG support is just as important. Updating of trains, escalators, and elevators is ongoing and requires a significant amount of money to update.

Mary Hynes, Arlington County Board Member, WMATA Governance Committee Chair, described the internal workings and stated that there are 7 new members which is redefining the board. They meet every 2 weeks for an hour and are working on bylaws and organization and hope to have the bylaws adopted in May. The annual rotation of chairman has been eliminated and a more interactive role for alternates to play. Procedures are being drafted and the WMATA Code of conduct is being reviewed.

Fairfax Supervisor Penny Gross and Fairfax City David Snyder inquired as to changes and improvements as well as governance and budget issues. These are all being investigated and is an ongoing process.

Chairman Harrison asked if there are development opportunities for developers to propose even if they are not included in the strategic plan. Mr. Sarles emphasized that WMATA encourages development and will accept unsolicited proposals.

College Park Mayor Andrew Fellows asked about development inequities around metro stations. WMATA has an advisory committee that is looking into these issues and researching them further.

Several Board members inquired as to specific line issues and those issues are being addressed in an ongoing fashion.

## **8. PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOMELESS ENUMERATION**

Supplemental Documents: Preliminary Results of the Enumeration PowerPoint

On January 26, 2011, COG's Homeless Services Planning and Coordination Committee conducted the eleventh enumeration of the homeless in Metropolitan Washington. This report is part of an ongoing effort to monitor and report on the number of people found on the streets, in emergency shelters, in transitional and permanent or supportive services or are otherwise homeless. Michael Ferrell, Chairman of COG's Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee provided the preliminary results and analysis of the data.

This year's count was scheduled on January 26, but due to winter weather, some jurisdictions conducted their count between January 27 and 31. The jurisdictions that participated in the count include the District of Columbia, Frederick County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County in Maryland, and the City of Alexandria, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, and Prince William County in Virginia.

A final analysis and full report will be released next month. The full report will include descriptions of each jurisdiction's homeless Continuum of Care and more detailed explanations of each jurisdiction's respective survey results.

Preliminary results show that the region's homeless population increased by 2.0 percent between 2010 and 2011. The 2010 enumeration counted 11,774 homeless persons in the region. In 2011, the survey counted 11,988 homeless persons. While the number of single persons counted as homeless decreased slightly, the number of homeless persons in families increased by 520 families.

According to the survey, 38 percent of all homeless adults in families in the region have jobs; while 20 percent of homeless single adults have jobs; a slight increase from 2010. The survey also noted

41 percent of all adults who have income reported that employment wages and salaries were their primary source of income; a 9 percent decrease from 2010.

The figures varied among jurisdictions across the region. The results indicate that Prince William County had a 38 percent increase while Arlington County had a 13 percent decrease and the District of Columbia had no change at all.

Mr. Ferrell attributed the increase in homelessness to the economy and a depletion of federal funds for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing programs.

Chairman Harrison asked whether a summer count could be done in lieu of, or as a complement to, the January count when there is likely to be a more accurate depiction of the homeless population in the warmer months. Mr. Farrell stated that they are federal mandated to conduct the count in January but that a supplemental count could be very valuable.

Mr. Tejada inquired about the impact on Veterans and if there was any type of trend to the type of person who is homeless, Mr. Ferrell stated that they did investigate trends and more detail is provided in the full report.

Ms. Gross inquired about the impact of homelessness on children and what the school systems are doing to address this issue. Mr. Ferrell stated that a more comprehensive analysis would be provided for each jurisdiction in the full report to be released next month.

## **9. BRIEFING ON REGIONAL GREEN BUILDING TRENDS REPORT**

Supplemental documents : Green Building Trends Report and PowerPoint

John Mataya presented the Green Building Trends report to the Board. The report showed 171 projects totaling nearly 23 million square feet achieved the green building status of LEED certification in the metropolitan Washington region from 2003-2009.

The study, *Green Building Trends*, shows that green building – which focuses on sustainability from the design phase, through construction, and into the building's operations – increased during the six-year period throughout the entire region. A majority (64 percent) of the green buildings constructed were located within half a mile of a Metrorail station.

The study indicates that the overall number of LEED certified green building projects increased every year from 2003-2009, with the numbers increasing dramatically from 2007 forward.

The District of Columbia had the highest number of projects (72) and overall square footage (12.5 million) of green building in the region. Northern Virginia had the second highest number of projects (59) and overall square footage (6.6 million), while Suburban Maryland had 40 projects and 3.8 million square feet of green building. The largest projects in the District, Northern Virginia, and Maryland were the International Monetary Fund Center, T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, and the Discovery Communications Global Headquarters in Silver Spring, respectively.

The *Region Forward* vision plan, which was adopted by COG and all 21 local governments in 2010, include a target that, by 2020, all new construction in metropolitan Washington attain LEED Silver or equivalent certification.

Several Board members inquired as to when the plan would be implemented and due to time constraints asked for further report to the board. Leah Boggs, DEP Staff stated that COG has several study counts that are addressing issues for the future.

**10. APPROVAL OF NOMINEE TO NARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Supervisor Gross represents Region III (DC, MD, VA and WV) on the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Board of Directors. Her term of office on the NARC Board will expire in June 2011 and she is ineligible for re-election as she has reached the maximum number of terms of service allowed under the NARC bylaws. Importance was placed on COG retaining the seat and with that in mind, Supervisor Gross recommended that Walter Tejada, Arlington County Board Member, be nominated for election to the NARC Board at its annual conference, June 13 – 15, 2011 in San Diego, California.

**ACTION: Upon motion made, and seconded, Walter Tejada was unanimously approved as nominee to the NARC Board of Directors.**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**12. ADJOURN-THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ALTERNATES 2011**  
**ATTENDANCE: 4/13/2011**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Y/N</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Y/N</u>
<i>District of Columbia</i>				
<b>Executive</b>	Hon. Vincent Gray	N		
	Mr. Allen Lew	N		
<b>Council</b>	Hon. Phil Mendelson	Y		
	Hon. Michael Brown	N		
<i>Maryland</i>				
Bowie	Hon. G. Frederick Robinson		Hon. Dennis Brady	N
City of Frederick	Hon. Randall McClement		Hon. Karen Young	N
College Park	Hon. Andrews Fellows	Y	Hon. Robert Catlin	
Frederick County	Hon. David Gray	Y	Hon. Jan Gardner	
Gaithersburg	Hon. Sidney Katz		Hon. Cathy Drzyzgula	Y
Greenbelt	Hon. Judith "J" F. Davis	Y	Hon. Emmett Jordan	
Montgomery County				
<b>Executive</b>	Hon. Isiah Leggett		Mr. Tim Firestine	N
<b>Council</b>	Hon. Roger Berliner	Y		
	Hon. Valerie Ervin			
Prince George's County				
<b>Executive</b>	Hon. Rushern Baker		Mr. P. Michael Errico	N
<b>Council</b>	Hon. Karen Toles			
	Hon. Andrea Harrison (Chair)	Y		
Rockville	Hon. John Britton	N		
Takoma Park	Hon. Bruce Williams	Y	Hon. Terry Seamens	
Maryland General Assembly	Hon. Galen Clagett	N		
<i>Virginia</i>				
Alexandria	Hon. William Euille	Y	Hon. Redella Pepper	
Arlington County	Hon. Walter Tejada	Y	Hon. Jay Fisette	
City of Fairfax	Hon. Dan Drummond	N	Hon. Jeffrey Greenfield	
Fairfax County	Hon. Sharon Bulova	N	Hon. Catherine Hudgins	Y
	Hon. Penelope A. Gross	Y	Hon. Patrick Herrity	
	Hon. John Foust	Y	Hon. Michael Frey	
Falls Church	Hon. Nader Baroukh		Hon. David Snyder	Y
Loudoun County	Hon. Andrea McGimsey	Y	Hon. Scott York (Alt)	

Manassas	Hon. Sheryl Bass	Y		
Manassas Park	Hon. Suhas Naddoni	N	Hon. Frank Jones	
Prince William County	Hon. Frank Principi	N		
	Hon. Wally Covington	Y		
Virginia General Assembly	Hon. James M. Scott	Y		

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