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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: September 10, 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 JULY 9, 2008 (12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS (12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**

Chairman Knapp

a) Thought Leadership Series Dialogue
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 13.A., 13.B., 13.C., 13.D., 13.E., 13.F., 13.G. & 13.H.

**6. COG RETREAT OUTCOMES
(12:25 – 12:45 p.m.)**

Chairman Knapp

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

COG held its tenth annual retreat July 25-27, which was attended by 31 elected and appointed officials. The primary focus of the retreat was the development of both the short term and long term priorities of the organization. Presentations on the Climate Change Steering Committee's report, status of the Greater Washington 2050 Initiative and the federal transportation reauthorization legislation were given. The retreat also included briefings by COG policy board and committee leadership on their respective current and future priorities, as well as best practice presentations by elected and appointed officials. The Board will be briefed on the retreat outcomes and next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R46-08.

**7. PRESENTATION ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS
(12:45 – 1:00 p.m.)**

**Gerry Connolly
Board Chair, Fairfax County
Chair, National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council**

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month and local and state governments across the country and in the National Capital Region will be marking the occasion with a wide-range of initiatives to promote greater preparedness by area residents and businesses. Mr. Connolly will brief the COG Board on the region's progress on emergency planning, preparedness and response since the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and discuss areas in need of future improvement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**8. PRESENTATION ON CRIME AND CRIME CONTROL IN THE COG REGION - 2007
(1:00 – 1:15 p.m.)**

**Terry Seamens
Council Member, City of Takoma Park
Chair, COG Public Safety Policy Committee**

**Colonel David M. Rohrer
Chief, Fairfax County Police Department
Chair, 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 providing an overview for law enforcement and policy officials on crime trends and establishing local and regional crime-fighting priorities. The COG Board will be briefed on the most recent report which reflects crime trends for 2007.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R47-08.

**9. PROGRESS REPORT OF THE ANACOSTIA WATERSHED RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP
(1:15 – 1:35 p.m.)**

**Dana Minerva
Executive Director
Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership**

**Stephen Pattison
Assistant Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment
Chair, Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership Steering Committee**

On June 14, 2006, the Board adopted Resolution R28-06, creating the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership to “provide a cooperative framework for the oversight of the ongoing restoration of the Anacostia River and its tributaries.” The resolution established an executive-level Leadership Council, a policy-level Steering Committee and a technical-level Management Committee. The partnership is housed at COG and includes representation from federal agencies, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, Prince George’s County, Montgomery County, the City of Hyattsville, and several key stakeholder organizations. Ms. Minerva and Mr. Pattison will report on the restoration progress made by the partnership in the two years since its inception. They will primarily focus on: the Anacostia Restoration Plan being prepared by the Corps of Engineers and its local partners; the development of the Action Agenda; outreach to Congress; and key challenges.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Report.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(1:35-1:50 p.m.)**

By motion, the Board of Directors will conclude the public meeting and reconvene in Executive Session for personnel purposes to discuss the results of the performance evaluation process conducted by the Employee Compensation and Benefits Review Committee (ECBR) and other COG Board Members. Following the Executive Session the Board will be asked to review the ECBR's recommendations as contained in Resolution R48-08.

**11. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION
(1:50-1:55 p.m.)**

The Board will reconvene in Public Session and will be asked to approve the ECBR's salary recommendations as contained in Resolution R48-08. The Board will also approve the Executive Director's goals for the next performance review period, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R48-08.

**12. MEMBER TIME
(1:55 – 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.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Appointment of 2008 Nominating Committee

The Board Chairman shall appoint several COG members to the 2008 Nominating Committee. The Committee shall recommend: 1) a slate of corporate officers for action by the General Membership meeting, at its Annual Meeting December 10, 2008; and 2) a slate of Board of Directors officers for action by the Board at its January 14, 2009 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R49-08.

B. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to submit an Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Department of Justice (DOJ) Grant Application, Execute a Contract with Business Watch International, and Receive and Expend Funds for the Enhancement of the Regional Pawn Data Sharing System (RPDSS)

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R50-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a grant application to the Department of Justice, COPS Office for enhancements to the Regional Pawn Data Sharing System (RPDSS). The resolution will further authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Business Watch International, the current RPDSS contractor, as well as receive and expend the funds to provide the enhancements. Funding will be requested in an amount not to exceed \$93,530. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R50-08.

C. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Seek Funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Support of Cost Effective Approaches to Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R51-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to seek funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a program to support expansion of energy efficiency and renewable energy in the National Capital Region. This program will be a unique partnership between MWCOG, Arlington County, and Virginia Tech to investigate the energy use characteristics of commercial buildings; developing county-sponsored commercial energy education incentive program; and investigate the feasibility of a regional carbon offset program. The total cost of the three year project is \$257,384. EPA is requested to provide a \$229,611 grant. COG and Arlington County will provide in-kind contributions of \$15,000 and \$12,773 respectively.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R51-08.

D. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter Into a Grant Agreement to Support a Regional Public Information Campaign for Energy Emergencies

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R52-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive a grant from the District of Columbia Department of the Environment Energy Office to review and compile energy emergency information dissemination protocols and messages. The purpose of the project is to raise the level of energy emergency preparedness of NCR residents through a public awareness and education campaign, using typical media outlets such as radio, TV and email. COG is being provided \$25,000 through the Urban Area Securities Initiative for this project. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R52-08.

E. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the District of Columbia to establish a District Government component to COG's current "Urban Timber Recovery and Utilization" grant with the U.S. Forest Service, Wood Education Research Center

The Board will be asked to adopt R53-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a Grant Agreement with the District Department of Transportation Urban Forestry Administration (DDOT-UFA) in the amount of \$40,000 for the purposes of utilizing felled urban timber and conducting a biosolids composting research project. The project duration will be two years from the receipt of funding. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R53-08.

F. Resolution Authorizing COG to Receive Funds to Contract for a Financial Consulting Firm to Provide Financial Support Personnel to the SAA in the National Capital Region

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R54-08, authorizing the Executive Director, to accept funding from the State Administrative Agent (SAA) for the National Capital Region and enter into a contract with a financial consulting firm to provide financial support personnel to work in the SAA office. The SAA will provide COG with \$100,000 in Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding to execute the contract with the financial consulting firm. No COG funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R54-08.

G. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Accept Funding for the 2008-2009 Street Smart Pedestrian and Bicycle Campaigns

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R55-08 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into agreements with, and accept funds from, the organizations that have agreed to participate in the Street Smart campaigns, for the purpose of implementing the 2008-2009 Street Smart Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaigns. The Executive Director is further authorized to enter into an agreement with a project consultant to implement the 2008-2009 Street Smart Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaigns. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R55-08.

H. Resolution Authorizing Continuation of the Potomac Aquatic Plant Control Program to Maintain Public Navigational Channels in the Potomac River from the City of Alexandria to the Mouth of the Potomac

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R56-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a contract agreement, not to exceed a total of \$100,000, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Commonwealth of Virginia that would continue the aquatic plant harvesting program through the 2008 season. Under this contract, the Executive Director may enter into three separate subcontracts in order to harvest submerged aquatic vegetation from navigational channels, conduct shoreline surveys and conduct aerial photography of the Potomac River from Alexandria down river to the Mouth of the Potomac. No COG funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R56-08.



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