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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 11 2007  
**TIME:** 12:00 Noon  
**PLACE:** COG Board Room

- District of Columbia*
- Bladensburg\**
- Bowie*
- College Park*
- Frederick*
- Frederick County*
- Gaithersburg*
- Greenbelt*
- Montgomery County*
- Prince George's County*
- Rockville*
- Takoma Park*
- Alexandria*
- Arlington County*
- Fairfax*
- Fairfax County*
- Falls Church*
- Loudoun County*
- Manassas*
- Manassas Park*
- Prince William County*
- \*Adjunct member*

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

**AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
(12:00 Noon)  
  
Chairman Vincent Gray  
Council Chair, District of Columbia
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2007**  
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)  
  
Chairman Gray
  - a) NARC Conference/Bradley Award
  - b) Arts and Culture Report Findings
  - c) COG Retreat July 27-29
  - d) Executive Director's Report
    - o Outreach
    - o Letters Sent/Received
    - o Legislative Report Update
4. **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**  
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)
5. **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**  
(12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt Consent Agenda Item 12.A., 12.B., 12.C. and 12.D.

**6. PRESENTATION ON OPENDOOR HOUSING FUND  
(12:25 – 12:40 p.m.)**

**Carol Schwartz  
Councilmember, District of Columbia  
Vice Chairman, OpenDoor Housing Fund**

**James A. Brodsky  
Chairman, OpenDoor Housing Fund**

Based on mission and market compatibility, the Washington Area Housing Trust Fund has merged with the Unitarian Universalist Affordable Housing Corporation to form, the OpenDoor Housing Fund. The merger will enable the organization, with \$17 million in lending capital and growing, to expand the size and scope of its regional affordable housing lending. The Washington Area Housing Trust Fund was founded in 2002, with leadership and support from COG. In 2001, a COG housing policy report recommended the creation of an affordable housing trust fund similar to the one in California's Silicon Valley. The COG Board will be briefed on the OpenDoor Housing Fund's mission and priorities and how OpenDoor continues to complement local trust funds and other programs to leverage investment in affordable housing.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and adopt Resolution R44-07.**

**7. PRESENTATION ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC TRENDS AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION INDICATORS REPORTS  
(12:40 – 12:55 p.m.)**

**Thomas Dernoga  
Councilmember, Prince George's County  
Chairman, COG Metropolitan Development Policy Committee**

**Gregory Goodwin  
Senior Regional Planner, COG**

COG monitors trends in the region's economy and reports the trends monthly and in an annual summary report to the Board. COG staff will report the key findings in the report *Economic Trends in Metropolitan Washington, 2002 – 2006*. The report presents key regional economic indicators, including population growth, employment, federal spending, construction activity, housing sales, income, retail sales, and the number of passengers at the region's three major airports. In addition, COG staff will provide additional information on commercial construction from the *Commercial Construction Indicators – 2006 Summary Report*. This report provides information on the level of commercial construction activity by jurisdiction, structure type, and relationship to Metrorail, commuter rail stations and COG's Regional Activity Centers.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and approve reports for release.**

**8. PRESENTATION OF INTERIM GREEN BUILDING POLICY REPORT  
(12:55 – 1:15 p.m.)**

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

**Joan Kelsch  
Chairman, Intergovernmental Green Building Group  
Arlington County**

In November, 2006, the Board adopted Resolution R55-06 which established an Intergovernmental Green Building Group (IGBG) and charged it with preparation of a report containing recommendations for regional green building guidelines and implementation strategies, as well as a system to track progress. The IGBG has completed a draft of its interim green building policy report with recommendations that support COG's vision of making the region a national leader in green building, with local governments leading in innovation and stewardship, as well as the Board's new regional climate change initiative. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the draft interim report was presented to the COG Chief Administrative Officers Committee who recommended it for Board presentation. Mr. Freudberg and IGBG Chair Kelsch will discuss the draft report findings and recommendations, including the report review process by the Board's ad hoc Green Building Committee and private sector input.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Transmit report for 60 day comment period.**

**9. PRESENTATION ON CRIME AND CRIME CONTROL IN THE COG REGION - 2006  
(1:15 – 1:35 p.m.)**

**Chief J. Thomas Manger  
Montgomery County Department of Police  
Chairman, 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 a brief 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 2006.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and approve report for release.**

**10. ADOPTION OF THE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS REVIEW COMMITTEE'S  
(ECBR) RECOMMENDATIONS  
(1:35 – 1:45 p.m.)**

**Penelope Gross  
Vice Chairman**

**David Robertson  
Executive Director, COG**

As charged by the COG Board of Directors, the Employee Compensation and Benefits Review (ECBR) Committee met on June 13, 2007 to discuss the COG 2007 salary study and benefit recommendations. Based upon this meeting and the results of the salary study conducted by COG's Human Resources Office with assistance from Management Advisory Group (MAG), along with other supporting informal surveys of

local governments, the ECCR Committee Chair and the Executive Director will present findings, results and recommendations.

The COG Board of Directors will be asked to approve ECCR's recommendation to adopt new salary ranges reflecting a five percent increase in salary ranges for grades 1 to 15, and a two-percent change in grade 15; a two-percent general structural increase for employees hired on or before July 1, 2007; and a new benefit for both opposite and same sex domestic partners.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R45-07.**

## **11. MEMBER TIME (1:45 – 2:00 p.m.)**

Chairman Gray 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.

## **12. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Grant Proposal to the Maryland Department of the Environment for the Anacostia Community-Based Restoration - Lower Sligo Creek Watershed project**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R46-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a proposal and execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to provide both technical and outreach-related assistance to Prince George's County in the restoration of the Sligo Creek subwatershed, identify existing stormwater runoff, gully erosion and trash problem areas and develop a suite of associated restoration options, hold a watershed environmental education workshop, implement multiple environmental stewardship projects with the local community and prepare a citizens guide for watershed restoration. The project duration will be two-years from the receipt of funding. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R46-07.**

### **B) Request for Authorization to Conduct the 2007 Washington-Baltimore Regional Air Passenger Survey under COG's Continuous Airport System Planning Program**

The Board will be asked to adopt resolution R47-07 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to conduct the 2007 Washington-Baltimore Regional Air Passenger Survey under COG's Continuous Airport System Planning Program. The purpose of the regional air passenger survey is to collect information about travel patterns and user characteristics of air passengers using the three major commercial airports – Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Washington Dulles International Airport and Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. The total project cost is approximately \$300,000, to be shared by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (67%) and Maryland Aviation Administration (33%) based upon sampling sizes at each sponsor's airports. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R47-07.**

### **C) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maryland Department of the Environment for Anacostia River Watershed Restoration Partnership-Related Services**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R48-07, authorizing the Executive Director to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in an amount

not to exceed \$41,500 for Anacostia Partnership-related technical and administrative support services. The project duration is one year. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R48-07.**

**D) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Contract for Media Support Services for the Go Recycle Campaign**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R49-07 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute a contract with a competitively bid contractor to provide media support services to COG for the 2007 Go Recycle Campaign. The Campaign will encourage employers and employees to change or modify their recycling behavior through paid radio advertisements. Contractual services will not exceed \$30,000 and will be provided from existing program funding. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R49-07.**



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