

5. October 12, 2011 MINUTES

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

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

October 12, 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**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded members to mark their calendar for December 14, 2011 for the COG Annual Meeting and Awards luncheon at the Marriott at Metro Center. Each year two major awards are presented; the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Service Award which is given to a local state or federal official for excellence in regional service while in public office and the Regional Partnership Award that is given to businesses, nonprofits, foundations or community groups that have worked in cooperation with COG to improve the quality of life for all who live in this region.

Last year Falls Church Vice Mayor David Snyder won the Scull award and the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers won the Regional Partnership Award. Other past winners have been Sharon Bulova, Phil Mendelson, Bruce Williams, Penny Gross, Jim Scott, the National Capital Planning Commission, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, the Alice Ferguson Foundation, and the Washington Area Bicycle Association.

Post cards were handed out to nominate this year's award recipients and can also be submitted online through www.mwcog.org or by e-mail at annualmeeting@mwcog.org.

The Chairman announced that Penelope Gross was elected as NARC's Vice President and Walter Tejada was elected as the Region III representative.

Penny Gross and Walter Tejada spoke to the Board about having a very successful first meeting with the NARC Board and look forward to the year to come.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Robertson attended a press conference to begin promoting Give to the Max the one-day, regional fundraising event on November 9, 2011. COG is a co-sponsor, spoke at the kickoff session of the Urban Land Institute's new program at Nationals Park. DCPS staff worked with ULI to develop the program, attended the NARC Executive Directors Conference in Jacksonville, Florida and met with public officials and planners from Croatia and Switzerland.

Mr. Robertson presented to the Board a report prepared by GMU Center for Regional Analysis which gave an overview of what will happen if Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac no longer exist.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

5. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2011 MINUTES

The minutes of the September 14, 2011 meeting were approved and adopted as amended.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Supplemental Documents: Resolutions R47-2011 thru R50-2011

A. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TAPIT TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF A REGIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

The COG Board adopted Resolution R47-2011 to authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a contract with TapIt, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, to develop and implement a tap water promotion program targeting local businesses in support of COG's Community Engagement Campaign water and wastewater utility partners. The duration of the contract is twelve months from the date of execution, and no COG matching funds will be required.

B. APPOINTMENT OF 2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board Chairman appointed several COG members to serve on the 2012 Nominating Committee. The Committee will recommend: 1) a slate of corporate officers for action by the General Membership, at its Annual Meeting December 14, 2011; and 2) a slate of Board of Directors officers for action by the Board at its January 11, 2012 meeting.

C. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECOND ROUND OF FORECLOSURE COUNSELING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CAPITOL AREA FORECLOSURE NETWORK (CAFN)

The COG Board adopted Resolution R49-2011 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to accept a \$175,000 grant from the Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, NeighborWorks America, and the United Way of the National Capital Area, for the Capital Area Foreclosure Network (CAFN). CAFN is an innovative partnership between COG, the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington and the Urban Institute that builds the capacity of local housing counseling, legal service and direct service organizations working to address housing foreclosure challenges. This \$175,000 grant will be used to

seek proposals for and award grants of up to \$25,000 to local housing counseling agencies, to be selected by CAFN's member-led Grant Awards Selection Team. No matching funds are required.

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER FUNDING FOR A PROJECT TO IMPLEMENT PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ACCESS IMPROVMENTS IN RAIL STATION AREAS IN THE REGION FROM THE FY 2011 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS GENERATING ECONOMIC RECOVERY (TIGER) COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT)

The COG Board adopted Resolution R50-2011 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to apply for and administer grant funding from USDOT's FY 2011 TIGER Competitive Grant Program for a project to Implement Pedestrian and Bicycle Access Improvements in Rail Station Areas in an amount no less than \$10,000,000 and not to exceed \$30,000,000 in accordance with provisions of the grant program. No COG matching funds are required.

ACTION: Upon motion made, and seconded, Resolutions R47-2011 through R50-2011 were unanimously approved and adopted.

7. PROPOSED METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY RESTRUCTURING
Supplemental Documents: Presentation

Charles Snelling, Chairman Board of Directors Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority presented as proposed in legislation sponsored by Congressman Wolf to the Board MWAA's opposition to the Airports Authority's Restructuring and the Wolf legislation.

Mr. Snelling stated that The Authority's thirteen-member Board of Directors currently consists of five members appointed by the Governor of Virginia three members each appointed by the President, the Mayor of the District of Columbia; and two members appointed by the Governor of Maryland. Members serve six-year terms that are staggered within each jurisdiction's appointees and can be removed only for cause. Members may serve past the expiration of their terms until their successors are duly appointed. The Wolf legislation that has been proposed would significantly change the Board.

The proposed legislation would expand the Board from 13 members to 17 members by adding 4 new members from Virginia. The legislation also proposes that the Board Members would serve at the pleasure of the nominating executive and could be removed at any time without cause.

Mr. Snelling stated that the Board was made to have fair and equal representation from The District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and the Federal Government and to accept the proposed legislation would make the balance unequal. He urged the COG Board to not support the legislation.

Supervisor Andrea McGimsey, Loudoun County, along with Sharon Bulova, Fairfax, and other Virginia Board Members, expressed strong displeasure with the lack of communications that occurred between their jurisdictions and MWAA. Both stated concerns that their input and opinions were ignored and their jurisdictions were completely disregarded despite the fact that their jurisdictions were the ones that were primarily impacted.

Andrew Fellows, Mayor of College Park made a motion to oppose the legislation. This motion was supported by many other board members along with Phil Mendelson, District of Columbia who added that the legislation is anti-regional.

Many board members agreed that there was an issue with MWAA but the legislation was not the way to resolve the issues.

David Gray, Commissioner Frederick County, suggested that the Board take no action at this time so they can be presented with the other side and get more information.

ACTION: Upon Motion made and seconded COG will write a letter in opposition of the proposed legislation. Bass, Covington, and McGimsey against, Gray abstained.

8. COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELECONFERENCE PILOT

Supplemental Documents: Presentation

Mr. Robertson and Ms. Pandak presented to the Board the Teleconference Pilot and the By-Laws and Rules of procedure changes that will be implemented.

At this year's Annual Retreat there was a conversation about how COG can use new technology to increase participation among its members especially the outer suburban jurisdictions. COG in response to this conversation has developed a pilot program for teleconferencing.

Ms. Pandak outlined the proposed changes to the By-Laws and Rules of Procedure. Currently meeting by electronic means is only permitted "when face-to-face meetings are effectively precluded by emergency circumstances and when action by the Board is legally, financially or politically required." Changes to the By-laws would state that a member participating via teleconference can be counted towards a quorum.

Ms. Pandak and Mr. Robertson pointed out that this is a pilot program that is going to be tested and the teleconference choice is the exception to the rule not made to be a way to move away from a face to face meeting.

Formal action and detailed presentation will happen in November and the following comments will be included in the final changes.

Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County, suggested that the clause that states the meeting must be at a remote location and closed to the public be further explained because the Board Meetings are open to the public. Ms. Pandak explained that the clause was meant for no outside distractions to interfere when a member is participating via teleconference.

Redella Pepper, City of Alexandria, asked what happens if there is an emergency and the 3 days notice cannot be given. There will be an allowance for exceptions.

Penelope Gross, Vice Chair Fairfax County, asked if the alternate participates if they will be counted separately in the 2 times a year usage. The alternate would be counted as a part of the regular member's 2 times use clause.

ACTION: Receive Presentation.

9. METROPOLITAN BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Supplemental Documents: Resolution R51-2011

Mr. Robertson presented to the Board a presentation on a Metropolitan Business Plan for the National Capital Region. He stated that COG's strategic plan vision supports a Business Plan and at the COG annual leadership retreat there was an interest in putting together a task force to look into building a National Capital Region Business Plan.

Mr. Robertson stated that, the Metropolitan Business Plan initiative seeks to highlight the emergence of metropolitan areas as the source of economic prosperity, leverage regional partners' current

efforts, and establish an integrated, public-private regional agenda for job creation and enhanced innovation and entrepreneurship.

The COG Board of Directors was asked to form a Metropolitan Business Plan Task Force to identify the partnerships, roles, resources and benefits required to successfully launch a Metropolitan Business Plan initiative in the National Capital Region in 2012. The Task Force will review the experience to date of other Metropolitan Business Plan pilot sites, assess the interest and commitment of area local governments for what is likely to be a multiyear Metropolitan Business Plan commitment, identify likely Brookings support and involvement, identify potential business, federal, state and other sector partners, identify existing work that can support a Metropolitan Business Plan initiative and avoid competition and redundancy, and then identify the level of effort and likely funding and in-kind resources necessary for a successful Metropolitan Business Plan effort.

The proposed Task Force will be appointed by the COG Board Chairman, shall not exceed eight members three from Maryland, three from Virginia, and two from the District of Columbia and shall be comprised of members of the COG Board of Directors or other COG members who have an interest or expertise in economic development, job creation and retention, public-private partnerships or related policy and planning activities.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution R51-2011

10. FEDERAL FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT PROGRAM

Supplemental Documents: Presentation

Mr. Robertson presented to the Board highlights on the Federal Funding Support for the Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program (UASI).

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Urban Areas Security Initiative—UASI—program is the principal grant dedicated to furthering preparedness and security of the nation's urban areas against threats and acts of terrorism and other major hazards.

UASI was created in 2003 and provides grant support to the National Capital Region and several other urban areas. The UASI Association, comprised of representatives of several UASI regions, recently released a report on the national effectiveness of the UASI program.

Key findings in the report were that the UASI program is enhancing regional collaboration and coordination, implements national priorities and strengthens communication and emergency planning and citizen preparation. The report also countered misconceptions that UASI funds have not been spent in a timely manner and outlined the need to sustain the capability gains made under the UASI program.

As Congress considers FY12 appropriations UASI funding has been at risk for significant cuts. The Board was asked to approve a letter to the National Capital Region Congressional Delegation in support of retaining the UASI funding level for this region in their FY 2012 Federal Appropriations.

ACTION: Approve letter to National Capital Region Delegation.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

12. ADJOURN-THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ALTERNATES 2011
ATTENDANCE: 10/12/2011**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Y/N</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Y/N</u>
<i>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</i>				
EXECUTIVE	Hon. Vincent Gray	N		
COUNCIL	Mr. Allen Lew	Y	Mr. Warren Graves	Y
	Hon. Phil Mendelson	Y		
	Hon. Michael Brown	Y		
<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	N	Hon. Emmett Jordan	Y
Montgomery County				
EXECUTIVE	Hon. Isiah Leggett	N	Mr. Tim Firestine	
COUNCIL	Hon. Roger Berliner	Y		
	Hon. Valerie Ervin	N		
Prince George's County				
EXECUTIVE	Hon. Rushern Baker	N	Mr. Bradford Seamon	N
COUNCIL	Hon. Karen Toles	Y		
	Hon. Andrea Harrison (Chair)	Y		
Rockville	Hon. John Britton			
Takoma Park	Hon. Bruce Williams	Y	Hon. Terry Seamens	
Maryland General Assembly	Hon. Galen Clagett	N		
<i>VIRGINIA</i>				
Alexandria	Hon. William Euille	N	Hon. Redella Pepper	Y
Arlington County	Hon. Walter Tejada	Y	Hon. Jay Fissette	
City of Fairfax	Hon. Dan Drummond	N	Hon. Jeffrey Greenfield	
Fairfax County	Hon. Sharon Bulova	Y	Hon. Catherine Hudgins	
	Hon. Penelope A. Gross	Y	Hon. Patrick Herrity	
	Hon. John Foust	N	Hon. Michael Frey	
Falls Church	Hon. Nader Baroukh		Hon. David Snyder	
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		