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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE: Wednesday, November 10, 2010**

**TIME: 12:00 Noon**

**PLACE: COG Board Room**

**PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Brown 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 Kwame Brown  
Councilmember, District of Columbia**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**

**Chairman Brown**

- a) November Election Results
- b) Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Luncheon – December 8

**3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**

- a) Outreach
- b) Legislative and Regulatory Update
- c) Information and Follow-up
- d) Letters Sent/Received

**4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA  
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2010  
(12:15 – 12:20 p.m.)**

## CONSENT AGENDA

### **6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (12:20 – 12:25 p.m.)**

#### **A. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for Anacostia River Watershed Reforestation-Related Services**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R64-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute a memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDDNR) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for Anacostia reforestation-related support services. The project duration is eight months. No matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R64-10.**

#### **B. Approval of COG Sublease Agreement with the National Association of Regional Councils**

The COG Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R65-10, authorizing the Executive Director or his designee to execute a sublease agreement with the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). COG has vacant office space available following the termination of COG's subtenant lease agreement with the National Jewish Democratic Council. Under the terms of the proposed lease agreement, NARC will occupy approximately 2,400 square feet of office space. The initial lease will extend through 2016 and may be renewed. The lease agreement will allow COG to pass along increases in operating costs and property taxes to NARC during the term of the lease. COG will also provide NARC with a tenant rent credit for tenant building improvements.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R65-10.**

#### **C. Approval of Grant Application to Freddie Mac to Support the Capital Area Foreclosure Network (CAFN)**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R67-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to seek and receive funds from Freddie Mac to support the Capital Area Foreclosure Network (CAFN) in an amount not to exceed \$125,000. No matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R66-10.**

**7. PRESENTATION ON MARC GREEN CONSORTIUM'S GREEN JOB SURVEY RESULTS  
(12:25 – 12:50 PM)**

**Ed Trumbull**  
**Project Director, MARC Green Consortium**

**Andrew A. Moser**  
**President, Maryland Workforce Corporation**

For the last two years, workforce and economic development have been priority areas of focus for the COG Board. In January COG's *Closing the Gaps to Build the Future report*, concluded that in order to remain economically competitive and foster a well-prepared workforce, the region must be able to forecast and respond to emerging industries and the resulting employment demand. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Collaborative (MARC) Green Consortium recently undertook a Labor Market Information study to develop a regional baseline for the green economy; one of the region's high growth industries. The Board will be briefed on the survey results, a regional web portal for green job employers/seekers and implications for local governments.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation and direct staff to plan regional green jobs workshop in Spring 2011.**

**8. COG 2011 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
(12:50 – 1:00 pm)**

**Chairman Brown**

**Nicole Hange**  
**Policy Coordinator, COG**

During its annual retreat in July, COG members discussed the need to enhance legislative and policy priorities through greater coordination with state and congressional elected officials. Staff has worked with COG's Legislative Directors Committee and the Ad-Hoc Legislative Committee of the Board to draft the region's 2011 state legislative priorities. The Board will be asked to review and adopt these priorities as part of its state outreach to Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia officials in 2011.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt 2011 State Legislative Priorities.**

**9. APPROVAL OF THE ROUND 8 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS OF EMPLOYMENT,  
POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS  
(1:00 – 1:15 pm)**

**Paul DesJardin**  
**Director, Community Planning and Services, COG**

COG established the Cooperative Forecasting program in 1975 to enable local, regional and federal agencies to coordinate planning using common assumptions about future growth and development. The Cooperative Forecasts are developed through a "top-down / bottom-up" process which synthesizes regional econometric model projections and local government forecasts based on current and planned development. The Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) approved the 8<sup>th</sup> major update to the Forecasts, "Round 8", earlier this year, which incorporates new national and regional economic projections to the year 2040. Consistent with COG policy, the Board will be asked to approve the new Round 8 Forecasts concurrent with the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) approval of the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the FY2011-2016 Transportation

Improvement Program (TIP) and 2010 financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP). The TPB is scheduled to approve the results of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis during their meeting on November 17, 2010. The Round 8 Cooperative Forecasts will also become an initial basis for re-defining the Regional Activity Centers as recommended in the Greater Washington 2050 *Region Forward* report.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R67-10.**

**10. ADOPTION OF REGION FORWARD WORK PROGRAM FOR 2011  
(1:15 – 1:30 pm)**

**Sharon Bulova  
Chair, Fairfax County**

**David Robertson,  
Executive Director, COG**

Shortly after adoption of the Region Forward report and Greater Washington 2050 compact by COG and its member local governments in July 2010, COG re-focused its efforts to respond to the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. COG hoped to use the HUD grant to accelerate and expand Region Forward implementation. Unfortunately, COG was not selected by HUD to receive the grant award. Chairman Bulova and Mr. Robertson will outline a work plan to implement several elements of Region Forward in the balance of the year and 2011, as well as identify work elements that are being included in the draft FY 2012 COG Work Program and Budget.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve proposed Region Forward work program.**

**11. ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2010 AUDIT  
(1:30 – 1:45 pm)**

**Bruce Williams  
Mayor, City of Takoma Park  
Chair, FY 2010 Audit Committee**

**Graylin Smith  
SB and Company**

SB and Company performed COG's FY 2010 audit. A draft of the audit was presented to the Audit Committee at its October 25 meeting. SB and Company provided an unqualified or "clean" audit for COG. The Board will also receive COG's draft Form 990 tax return which was also reviewed by the Audit Committee.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive FY 2010 Audit.**

**12. OTHER BUSINESS  
(1:45 - 2:00 p.m.)**

**13. ADJOURN  
(2:00 p.m.)**



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