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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 13, 2004
TIME: 12:00 Noon
PLACE: COG Board Room

PLEASE NOTE: Vice-Chair Davis 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)**

**Vice-Chair Judith Davis
Mayor, City of Greenbelt**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2004
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**
- 3. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
(12:05 – 12:10 p.m.)**
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)**

Vice-Chair Davis

 - a) Appoint 2005 Nominating Committee**
 - b) Committee on Finance – Next Steps**
 - c) December 4th Holiday Dinner**
 - d) December 8th Annual Meeting and Call for Award Nominations**
 - e) Appointment of Panel on Dedicated Funding for WMATA**
 - f) Executive Director's Report**
- 5. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Consent Agenda Items 11.A. – 11.D.

**6. PRESENTATION ON KEY PUBLIC SAFETY RELATED PROJECT INITIATIVES
(12:15 – 1:00 p.m.)**

**Penelope Gross
Supervisor, Fairfax County
Chair, Public Safety Policy Committee**

**Walter Tejada
Board Member, Arlington County
Chair, Human Services Policy Committee**

COG's Public Safety Policy Committee has led or co-sponsored with the Human Services Policy Committee several high-priority projects in recent months. As part of the COG Board's request to receive periodic updates from its policy boards and committees, committee representatives will report on two recent initiatives: 1) status of federal mutual aid legislation; and 2) outcomes and next steps from the Regional Gang Summit.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and discuss next steps.

**7. ADOPTION OF UPDATES TO COG'S STRATEGIC PLAN
(1:00 – 1:10 p.m.)**

**Bruce Williams
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Takoma Park
Chair, Strategic Planning Committee**

At the September 8th Board meeting, members received recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee concerning updates to COG's Vision, Mission, and Goal statements for consideration as updates to COG's Strategic Plan. These recommendations were developed based on feedback and guidance from the July Board retreat. Chair Williams will present the recommendations and ask the Board to adopt R45-04. The plan updates will then provide the framework guiding COG's FY 2006 work program and budget, which the Board will consider at its November meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R45-04.

**8. REGIONAL TELECOMMUTING STATUS REPORT
(1:10 – 1:25 p.m.)**

**Gerry Connolly
Chairman, Fairfax County Board of
Supervisors**

Gerry Connolly, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, will present recent survey findings on telecommuting from the COG/TPB Commuter Connections' 2004 State of the Commute Survey and review a "Call to Action" challenge that has been given to area employers to offer telecommuting as an option to more of their employees. This will lead to the expansion of existing employer-based telecommuting programs in order to meet the established regional goal of 20 percent of the workforce telecommuting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing on telecommuting status and steps needed to attain regional goal.

**9. CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION UPDATE
(1:25 – 1:45 p.m.)**

**Penelope Gross
Supervisor, Fairfax County
Vice-Chair, Chesapeake Bay Policy
Committee**

Recent publicity has shed unfavorable light on the Chesapeake Bay Program for reporting pollution reduction progress not matched by field measurements. In fact, the COG portion of the Chesapeake Bay region has made substantial progress in reducing pollution to the Bay, largely through the efforts of the area's wastewater treatment plants, as well as through control of stormwater. The pollution reductions in our area and are reflected in improved water quality measurements. Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee (CBPC) Vice-Chair Penny Gross will present data illustrating the substantial reductions in pollution in our area. This information will be included in an upcoming "Chesapeake Bay Fact Sheet" to be released by the CBPC later this month. Ms. Gross will also brief the Board on the status of the Chesapeake Bay Blue Ribbon Funding Panel, which is due to issue its final report, status of state tributary strategies and the companion implementation plans.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report and provide guidance to CBPC.

**10. PRESENTATION OF FREDDIE MAC'S FOSTER PARENT AND ADOPTIVE PROGRAMS
(1:45 – 2:00 p.m.)**

**Maxine B. Baker
President and CEO of the Freddie Mac
Foundation, Vice President of Freddie
Mac Community Relations**

**Calvin Smith
Director, Department of Human Services,
Planning and Public Safety, COG**

Maxine B. Baker, President and CEO of the Freddie Mac Foundation and Vice President of Freddie Mac Community Relations, will present an overview of the philanthropic work Freddie Mac is doing in the metropolitan region, and specifically with COG. The Freddie Mac Foundation has been a consistent partner of COG in the work with Wednesday's Child, the Foster Parent Gala and many other regional foster care, adoption and child care programs. Ms. Baker and COG staff will outline plans for ongoing and new initiatives proposed for 2005.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board support on the upcoming activities and initiatives.

11. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- (A) 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 R46-04, authorizing the Executive Director 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 2004 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 matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R46-04.

(B) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for Anacostia Forestry-Related Services

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R47-04, authorizing the Executive Director to execute an 11-month memorandum of understanding with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDDNR), in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for Anacostia forestry-related services. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R47-04.

(C) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Cooperative Efforts for Monitoring and Assessing Water Quality in the Streams and Rivers of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R48-04, authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, the State of New York, the State of West Virginia, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, and COG, to promote cooperative monitoring and assessment of streams and rivers in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R48-04.

(D) Goals for the Executive Director

Consistent with the COG Board of Directors' approved procedure, the Executive Director has submitted his performance evaluation goals for 2004-2005. Goals have been reviewed by the Employee Compensation and Benefit Committee and the COG Board. The Board will be asked to approve the attached goals.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve performance evaluation goals.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2004.
