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COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: September 12, 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: Vice Chairman Knapp 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)**

**Vice Chairman Michael Knapp
Councilmember, Montgomery County**

- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2007 (12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**

- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS (12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)**

Vice Chairman Knapp

- a) COG 50th Anniversary Gala – Nov. 15**
- b) Appointment of 2008 Nominating Committee**
- c) Drought Monitor Update**
- 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., 12.D., 12.E., 12.F., 12.G., 12.H., 12.I., 12.J., & 12.K.

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

Vice Chairman Knapp

**David Robertson
Executive Director**

COG held its ninth annual retreat July 27-29, which was attended by 33 elected and appointed officials. Presentations focused on recommendations from COG's May 30 Futures Forum, a proposal to sponsor a regional Greater Washington 2050 Compact initiative, and additional support for Metro dedicated funding. The retreat also included staff presentations on COG's proposed FY 2009 work program and budget and bylaws amendments, 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 approve implementation next steps.

**7. PRESENTATION ON MDPC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GREATER WASHINGTON 2050 COMPACT INITIATIVE
(12:45 – 1:05 p.m.)**

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

In April 2007, the COG Board charged the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) with reviewing the outcomes of the Envision Greater Washington effort in 2006. Specifically, the Board asked MDPC to identify initiative goals and objectives and a governance structure that could be implemented by COG to address four broad principles tied to COG's strategic plan. MDPC presented its recommendations to elected and appointed officials attending the COG annual retreat in July 2007. The Board will be briefed on the MDPC recommendations and the process and timetable for implementation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**8. PRESENTATION ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS
(1:05 – 1:25 p.m.)**

**Dr. Jacqueline Brown
Chief Administrative Officer, Prince George's County
Vice Chairman, National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council**

**Chris Geldart
Director, Office of National Capital Region Coordination
U.S. Department of Homeland Security**

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. Dr. Brown and Mr. Geldart will brief the COG Board on recent progress on emergency planning, preparedness and response in the National Capital Region.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.

**9. MEMBER TIME
(1:25 – 1:35 p.m.)**

Vice 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.

**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 contractual recommendations as contained in Resolution R50-07.

**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 R50-07. The Board will also approve the Executive Director's goals for the next performance review period, July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R50-07.

12. 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, which will be held in conjunction with the COG Anniversary Gala on November 15, 2007; and 2) a slate of Board of Directors officers for action by the Board at its January 9, 2008 meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R51-07.

B. WEDNESDAY'S CHILD

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R52-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to accept a \$52,000 grant from the Freddie Mac Foundation for the Wednesday's Child program. Wednesday's Child represents a long partnership between the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), the Freddie Mac Foundation, NBC4 and local child welfare agencies. Begun in 1992, this televised adoption program finds loving adoptive homes for children in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. It also continues as the flagship for a nationwide network of Wednesday's Child programs sponsored by the Freddie Mac Foundation. This \$52,000 grant will be used to support the Wednesday's Child program in FY 2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R52-07.

C. REGIONAL FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION GALA

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R53-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to accept a \$100,000 donation from the Freddie Mac Foundation for the 2008 Regional Foster Parent Appreciation Gala. This event honors foster parents from around the region for their dedication and

service to children in foster care. As in previous years, more than 700 foster parents are expected to attend. The 2008 Regional Foster Parent Gala will be held on May 17, 2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R53-07.

D. CHILDREN TO CHILDREN DONATION

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R54-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to accept a \$50,000 donation from the Freddie Mac Foundation for the Children to Children project. Children to Children is a grass-roots, family run charity which provides new duffel bags for children in foster care. COG acts as the fiscal agent for Children to Children.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R54-07.

E. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive a Grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security and Enter into a Sub-Agreement with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to Implement a Program to Calibrate Existing Source Water Security Monitors in the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers

The Board will be asked to adopt R55-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign a grant agreement for \$360,641 with the United States Department of Homeland Security and to use part of those grant funds to enter into sub-agreement between COG and USGS for \$275,000. The 11 month grant, which is funded through an Urban Area Security Initiative FY2006 grant, will provide COG and USGS operational support for the calibration of biological and chemical source water security monitors. The grant will not exceed \$360,641. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R55-07.

F. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive Urban Area Security Initiative Funds to Implement a Program to Maintain a Network of Existing Water Security Monitors in the National Capitol Region

The Board will be asked to adopt R56-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign a grant agreement for \$400,000 with the United States Department of Homeland Security. The two year grant, which is being funded through an Urban Area Security Initiative FY2007 grant, will support the continued maintenance and operation of the NCR's biological and chemical water security monitoring network. The grant will not exceed \$400,000. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R56-07.

G. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract with the American Institute of Urban and Regional Affairs to accomplish deliverables under a Grant with the United States Forest Service for a Urban Waste Wood and Recovery Demonstration Program

The Board will be asked to adopt R57-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute a contract with the American Institute of Urban and Regional Affairs in an amount not to exceed \$35,000 of federal funds for the purposes of establishing a wood waste recovery demonstration program in Montgomery County, MD. The project duration will be 12 months from the receipt of funding. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R57-07.

H. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Grant Proposal to the Summit Fund of Washington for the Anacostia Watershed Restoration - Increasing Citizen Activism and Effectiveness project

The Board will be asked to adopt R58-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a proposal and execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$54,407 to assist the Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee (AWCAC) in holding a series of environmental workshops, planning and hosting a one-day stormwater summit, and developing an Anacostia citizens stormwater management guide. The project duration will be 12 months from the receipt of funding. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R58-07.

I. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Federal Cost-Sharing Agreement (FCSA) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, Baltimore District, for the purpose of developing an Anacostia Watershed Restoration Plan

The Board will be asked to adopt R59-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into partnership agreements with Montgomery County, Prince George's County, the District of Columbia and the state of Maryland, enabling the Council to enter into the FCSA. The FCSA will include a total, pass-through cash amount, not to exceed \$450,842, to the Corps. COG will retain an additional cash amount, not to exceed \$276,000, for its planning, technical support and coordination-related services. The project duration is two-years. No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R59-07.

J. Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Virginia Division of Mines, Minerals and Energy through the U.S. Dept. of Energy for a Clean Energy and Air Quality Integration Grant

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R60-07, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a grant application to the Virginia Division of Mines, Minerals and Energy for a U.S. Dept. of Energy Clean Energy and Air Quality Integration grant in an amount not to exceed \$125,000. The proposed grant will support a regional project to develop tools for quantifying energy savings, increased renewable generation and reduced emissions of greenhouse gases and nitrogen oxides that result from Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy measures. Project duration is two years and will be conducted in partnership with the Virginia Office of Energy, the Maryland Energy Administration, the District Energy Office and the air quality agencies in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Matching funds not to exceed \$25,000 will be identified from already budgeted regional environmental program funds.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R60-07.

K. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a Contract with New World APPS, Inc. for Network Operations Support

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R61-07 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a new contract with New World Apps, Inc. In an effort to minimize costs, COG has been outsourcing some of its IT operations. The contract for those services was recently re-bid through a competitive process. New World Apps, Inc. was the selected vendor for the new contract in an amount not to exceed \$225,000. The funds for this contract were included in COG's approved FY2008 budget. No COG matching funds are required.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution R61-07.



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