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#### COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Fairfax County

Falls Church

**Loudoun County** Manassas

Manassas Park

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\*Adjunct member

September 8, 2010 DATE:

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.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 1.

(12:00 Noon)

**Chairman Kwame Brown** 

Councilmember, District of Columbia

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)

**Chairman Brown** 

a) COG Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, December 8

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** 3.

(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 JULY 14, 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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO DEVELOP A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The Board will be asked to adopt R43-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to administer the Prince George's County "Climate Action Plan" and to receive and expend up to \$150,000 to develop a county-wide greenhouse gas emissions inventory and climate strategy. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R43-10.** 

### B. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR REPORTING AIR QUALITY DATA FOR METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION

The Board will be asked to adopt R44-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to seek \$25,000 in funding from the Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality for COG's FY 2011 § 105 Air Pollution Control Program. The request is to prepare and report daily air quality index and levels for the Washington Metropolitan area, to coordinate energy operation procedures during air pollution episodes and to update the air quality trends data for the region. COG's required match for this request is \$13,000 and is included in the FY 2011 work program and budget.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R44-10.** 

# C. RESOLUTION A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR URBAN TIMBER (WASTE WOOD) RECOVERY MARSHALLING AND UTILIZATION YARD DEMONSTRATION PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Board will be asked to adopt R45-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into a grant agreement and execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the purposes of developing an Urban Timber Recovery Marshalling and Utilization Yard Demonstration Project for the District government. No COG matching funds are required. The project duration is two years.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve Resolution R45-10.** 

## D. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A FOUNDATION GRANT TO SUPPORT THE WEDNESDAY'S CHILD PROGRAM

The Board will be asked to adopt R46-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend grant funds from the Freddie Mac Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$77,800 for the Wednesday's Child FY 2011 program operations. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R46-10.** 

### E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO DEVELOP A 2010 SUMMER STORM AFTER ACTION REPORT

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R47-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to receive and expend up to \$30,630 to develop a Summer Storm After Action Report (AAR) in coordination with the District of Columbia. The tasks include planning and hosting an AAR conference and

to produce an AAR. Funding for this effort will be provided through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA). No COG Matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R47-10.** 

### F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE DEFINITION OF POPULATIONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R48-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee to receive and expend up to \$250,000 to conduct an analysis of the current definition of populations with "special needs" within the District of Columbia and develop a new comprehensive definition. Funding for this effort will be provided through a Subgrant from the State Administrative Agent (SAA). No COG matching funds are required.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R48-10.

#### G. RESOLUTION MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE IRE ADVISORY BOARD

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R49-10 making appointments to the IRE Advisory Board for the 2010-2011 program period. The COG Institute for Regional Excellence offers, in partnership with the George Washington University, a Regional Executive Development Program to area public sector managers. The year-long program is recognized by the National Certified Public Manager Consortium. Cohort 8 will graduate in October 2010 and Cohort 9 will begin later that month. The Advisory Board is responsible for curriculum and program oversight and is a requirement for certification.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R49-10.** 

#### H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLIMATE SHOWCASE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROPOSAL

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R50-10 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region for a Climate Showcase Communities grant to develop a marketing campaign that promotes innovative tools and incentives to reduce residential electricity and gas consumption in the Washington region. The grant request will not exceed \$460,000, and will include \$230,000 in matching funds provided through in-kind contributions and private sponsorships.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R50-10.** 

## 7. STATUS REPORT ON CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR SNOW RESPONSE (12:25 – 12:45 pm)

Walter Tejada Board Member, Arlington County Chair, Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee

Mernie Fitzgerald Director of Public Affairs, Fairfax County Chair of R-ESF 15 External Affairs

Dave McMillion
Director, Department of Public Safety and Health

After the unprecedented 2009-2010 snow season, COG, building on similar locality specific events, sponsored an After-Action Leadership Forum in April, to examine issues of snow removal, transit service, utility and critical infrastructure, government closure decision-making, and emergency response. Participants developed recommendations to improve emergency response and coordination and limit service disruptions. The Board will be briefed on COG's overall program activities concerning snow and other weather related issues, specific action and outcomes, and a communications plan to improve citizen awareness and response.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COG'S AVIATION POLICY PROGRAM (12:45 – 1:00 pm)

Mary Hynes Board Member, Arlington County

In July, 2009, the Board adopted Resolution R40-09 streamlining COG's aviation policy program and committee structure. The Aviation Policy Committee Chair was requested to oversee implementation of the new approach and, in one year, report back to the Board on the effectiveness of the enhanced program. Ms. Hynes will summarize how the new approach has improved COG's Aviation Policy Program and provide recommendations to further strengthen and enhance the program. In addition, in follow-up to Board action in July, Ms. Hynes will brief the Board on the status of Congressional proposals to alter the slot and perimeter rules at Reagan National Airport which are contained in the FAA Reauthorization, H.R. 5900, the Airline Safety and FAA Extension Act of 2010.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R51-10.** 

# 9. COG APPLICATION FOR HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT (1:00 – 1:15 pm)

David Robertson Executive Director

COG submitted a grant application for approximately \$7.2 million (\$5 million in federal funds and \$2.2 million in leveraged resources) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in response to the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program. The multi-sector, multi-jurisdictional program will build on and enhance COG's Region Forward report, adopted by the COG Board earlier this year. Mr. Robertson will highlight COG's grant application and outline steps underway to implement Region Forward in anticipation of a grant announcement by HUD later this year.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

### 10. COG RETREAT OUTCOMES (1:15 – 1:30 pm)

David Robertson Executive Director

COG held its twelfth annual retreat July 23-24, which was attended by 29 COG members. The primary focus of the retreat was sharpening COG's focus on sustainability and regional action. Sessions on implementation of *Region Forward*, green workforce development and a presentation on the State of Metropolitan America built on this theme. The Board will be briefed on the retreat outcomes and next steps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and approve outcomes and next steps.

## 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (1:30 – 1:45 pm)

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 R52-10.

# 12. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION (1:45 – 1:55 pm)

The Board will reconvene in Public Session and will be asked to approve the ECBR's contract and benefit recommendations, as well as the Executive Director's goals for the next performance review period, July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R52-10.** 

# 13. OTHER BUSINESS (1:55-2:00 p.m.)

# 14. ADJOURN- NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2010 (2:00 P.M.)



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