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**COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** March 12, 2008  
**TIME:** 12:00 Noon  
**PLACE:** COG Board Room

**PLEASE NOTE:** Chairman Knapp 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 Michael Knapp  
 Council President, Montgomery County**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2008  
(12:00 – 12:05 p.m.)**
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(12:05 – 12:15 p.m.)**  
  
**Chairman Knapp**  
  
 a) US-European Conference of Metropolitan Regional Councils April 9-12  
 b) Annual Foster Parent Gala May 17  
 c) COG Board Retreat July 25-27  
 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.

**6. GREATER WASHINGTON 2050 KICKOFF AND ACTION PLAN  
(12:25 – 12:30 p.m.)**

**Sharon Bulova**  
**Vice Chairman, Fairfax County**  
**Chairman, Greater Washington 2050 Coalition**

COG convened the first meeting of the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition on February 21. COG agreed to lead the Greater Washington 2050 program last year, inviting additional participation by business, civic and environmental stakeholders. The Coalition will guide the 18 month program. Chairman Bulova will highlight the outcomes of the first meeting and anticipated products and activities in the next few months.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing.**

**7. APPROVAL OF CLIMATE CHANGE STEERING COMMITTEE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS  
(12:30 – 12:55 p.m.)**

**Honorable Nancy Floreen**  
**Council Member, Montgomery County**  
**Chair, COG Climate Change Steering Committee**

**A. Federal Climate Change Legislation**

The U.S. Congress is currently considering legislation requiring limits on greenhouse gas emissions including S. 2191, "America's Climate Security Act," also known as the Warner Lieberman bill. At the February 27, 2008 meeting of COG's Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC), provisions of this legislation were reviewed. The focus of the discussion concerned the need for appropriately recognizing and formalizing the role of local governments and regional entities in federal climate legislation, including provision of funding. CCSC Chair Floreen will summarize the legislation and the recommendations of the Committee for strengthening the role of local and regional entities.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R13-08.**

**B. Proposed Coal-Fired Power Plant in Wise, Virginia**

On January 9, 2008, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality issued a public notice on a draft permit authorizing construction of a 668 megawatt coal-fired electric power plant in Wise County, Virginia, with a comment deadline of March 12, 2008. At the February 27, 2008 meeting of COG's Climate Change Steering Committee, serious concern was raised regarding the potential greenhouse gas emission impacts of the facility, and whether sufficient consideration of alternative energy options and conservation was evaluated as part of the facility planning process. In addition, concerns were raised at the March 7, 2008 Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee regarding possible adverse air quality impacts from transported air pollution from the facility from its southwest Virginia location into the Washington region. CCSC Chair Floreen will summarize the climate and air quality issues and recommend that a formal letter of comment from COG be transmitted expressing concern about the facility and urging that alternatives to mitigate these concerns be thoroughly examined before action is taken to issue the permit.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R14-08 and transmit comment letter to Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.**

**8. PRESENTATION ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
(12:55 – 1:15 p.m.)**

**Vincent Gray  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia**

**Dan Tangherlini  
City Administrator, District of Columbia**

COG has long-recognized the District of Columbia's unique status in the National Capital Region as both a municipality and a state for several governmental roles and functions. In recent months, the COG Board of Directors received briefings by Maryland and Virginia state officials and COG staff on priority regional issues pending before the state legislatures and the Governor. Chairman Gray and Mr. Tangherlini will highlight priority regional issues pending or under consideration by District of Columbia officials and state-level coordination by the District of Columbia with Maryland and Virginia.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefings.**

**9. POTOMAC PRIMARY LESSONS LEARNED AND PREPARATION FOR THE NOVEMBER  
GENERAL ELECTION  
(1:15 – 1:30 p.m.)**

**Sara Harris  
Deputy Executive Director, Elections Board  
Montgomery County**

**Linda Lindberg  
Registrar of Voters, Arlington County**

**Alice Miller  
Executive Director  
Board of Elections and Ethics, District of Columbia**

COG has supported an Elections Officials Committee as part of its work program for several years. The Committee fosters collaboration and the sharing of best practices on voter education, election policies and procedures, and vote tabulation and reporting. This year, the region attracted a great deal of attention for its "Potomac Primary" on February 12. Committee representatives will discuss lessons learned from the February 12 primary and preparations underway for the November 4 general election.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing and provide direction to Committee on next steps.**

**10. PROPOSED FY 2009 FEDERAL BUDGET  
(1:30 – 1:45 p.m.)**

**Lee Ruck  
General Counsel**

The President released the proposed FY 2009 Federal budget in February 2008, which contained several recommendations that will have a direct impact on regional policies and programs including such areas as transportation funding, the Chesapeake Bay and homeland security. COG staff will highlight key

proposals, anticipated impacts, and opportunities for COG and its member local governments to take action to influence final decision on the budget by Congress and the administration.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive briefing, consider response, and refer to the COG Board executive committee for further review.**

**11. MEMBER TIME  
(1:45 – 2:00 p.m.)**

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.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Receive and Expend Funding from the Environmental Protection Agency Support of the Anacostia Restoration Partnership**

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R15-08 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend up to \$100,000 in grant funding from the Environmental Protection Agency to provide contract and staff services in support of the Anacostia Restoration Partnership. The total cost of these services shall not exceed \$100,000. No COG matching funds will be required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R15-08.**

**B. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit a Grant Proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for a Reforestation Demonstration Project**

The Board will be asked to adopt R16-08, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a proposal in an amount not to exceed \$120,482 for the purposes of demonstrating improved reforestation survival techniques using biosolids compost from DC WASA. The project duration will be 2 years, 6 months from the receipt of funding. A \$30,020 COG match from budgeted FY 2009 & FY 2010 funds is requested.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R16-08.**

**C. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into an Agreement with Freddie Mac to Fund a Regional Housing Foreclosure Summit**

The Board will be asked to adopt R17-08 authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with Freddie Mac in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 for the purposes of supporting a three-point foreclosure partnership. The money will be used to develop a regional snapshot of the NCR's foreclosure problem, convene a regional foreclosure summit, and develop a non-profit best practices grant pool to address foreclosure prevention and intervention.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R17-08.**

**D. Appointment of Additional 2008 Policy Committee Vice Chair**

A Vice Chair position in both the Human Services Policy Committee and the Metropolitan Development Policy Committee is currently vacant. Chairman Knapp will recommend appointments to fill that position for 2008.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R18-08.**



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