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#### COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

District of Columbia

Bladensburg\* DATE: June 9, 2010 **Bowie** TIME: 12:00 Noon College Park PLACE: **COG Board Room** 

Frederick Frederick County

Gaithersburg

PLEASE NOTE: Chairman Brown will begin the meeting promptly at Noon. Lunch for members and alternates will be available at 11:30 a.m.

Greenbelt Montgomery County

Prince George's County

Rockville Takoma Park

Alexandria **Arlington County** 

Fairfax

Fairfax County Falls Church

Manassas

Loudoun County

Manassas Park

Prince William County

\*Adjunct member

AGENDA

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) Leadership Retreat July 23-24
- b) Recognition of COG Retirees
- 3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (12:05 - 12:10 p.m.)
  - a) Outreach
  - b) Legislative/Regulatory Update
  - Information and Follow-up
  - d) Letters Sent/Received
- 4. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA (12:10 – 12:15 p.m.)
- 5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2010** (12:15 - 12:20 p.m.)

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. Resolution Authorizing COG to Submit a Joint Grant Proposal With Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources to the Chesapeake Bay Trust for the Lower Northwest Branch: Urban Watershed Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Project.

The Board will be asked to adopt R30-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit a proposal and execute a contract with Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to assist them in performing stormwater water quality monitoring, LID stormwater retrofit concept development, homeowner-based BayScaping, riparian reforestation and outreach-related work. The project duration will be three years from the receipt of funding. A \$50,000 COG cash match is required. The COG match will be provided through FY2012, FY2013 and FY2014 Urban Nonpoint Source Program funds.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R30-10.**

B. Resolution Authorizing Cog to Receive and Expend an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Subgrant to Test the Information Sharing Capacity of the Region

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R31-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend UASI funds, in an amount not to exceed \$102,456.95, from the State Administrative Agent, to provide exercise design and development support to the COG Police Chiefs, and facilitate a tabletop exercise, testing the information sharing capacity within the region. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R31-10.** 

C. Resolution Authorizing COG to Receive and Expend an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Subgrant for Emergency Response Planning for a Mumbai-Style Attack

The Board will be asked to adopt Resolution R32-10, authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to receive and expend UASI funds, in an amount not to exceed \$359,775, from the State Administrative Agent to test the tactical response capabilities of the region in the event of a Mumbai-style attack. No COG matching funds are required.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R32-10.** 

### 7. IMPLEMENTATION OF COG POLICY FOCUS AND PRIORITY: WORKFORCE FORUM OUTCOMES

(12:25 - 12:45 p.m.)

#### **Chairman Brown**

At a time of immense economic pressure, including stagnant unemployment in the private and public sectors, strengthening the capacity of the region to meet current and future employment needs is critical. On June 3, COG hosted United for Jobs: A Regional Forum on Careers in Health in recognition of the tremendous growth in the healthcare industry and the opportunities and challenges that it presents the region. The half-day forum built on existing health-related workforce initiatives across the region to address shortages in the industry and identified specific strategies for enhanced collaboration and capacity building. Chairman Brown will summarize the COG Forum outcomes and next steps.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive presentation.** 

#### 8. IMPLEMENTATION OF COG POLICY FOCUS AND PRIORITY: SUSTAINABILITY

# A. UPDATE ON HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT (12:45 – 1:05 p.m.)

#### **David Robertson**

In April the COG Board recommended that COG apply for a HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant on behalf of the National Capital Region. If approved, this grant would award up to \$5 million and allow COG and grant partners to implement priorities contained in the Region Forward report and in other regional and local plans. COG provided comments to HUD on the proposed grant program in March and established a multi-sector, multi-jurisdictional task force to guide preparation of a grant application. COG staff will brief the COG Board on preliminary work on regional application and the schedule for completion.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Briefing and provide feedback to task force and staff.

## B. ENDORSEMENT OF URBAN LAND INSTITUTE CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 2010 (1:05 – 1:15 p.m.)

Robert M. Pinkard Chair, ULI Washington District Council Principal, The Pinkard Group

David Winstead Ballard Spahr LLP ULI Washington

The National Capital Region will host the Urban Land Institute Fall Meeting and Urban Land Expo, October 12-15, 2010 in Washington, DC. This conference will bring more than 6,000 public officials and staff, developers, and business and civic leaders to the Washington area, providing an excellent opportunity to showcase sustainable development policies and best practices underway here in the National Capital Region. COG staff has been assisting ULI and other organizations in shaping the conference program. The COG Board will be asked to endorse the proposed conference and to encourage participation by Washington area officials and staff.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution R33-10.** 

# 10. APPROVAL OF COG CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS (COOP) PLAN (1:15 – 1:30 p.m.)

Bruce Williams Mayor, City of Takoma Park

**George Danilovics Director, Office of Technology Programs and Services** 

The COG Board previously approved funding and directed staff to prepare a Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan for COG. COG retained James Lee Witt Associates to aid in preparing the draft COOP plan. Continuity of Operations is an effort within COG to ensure that it can continue to perform essential functions during a wide-range of events from short-term interruptions to broad-scale emergencies. Mayor Williams participated in an exercise of the draft COOP Plan in March to provide Board member perspective and input. Mayor Williams and staff will highlight the key elements of COG's COOP Plan and COG Board member roles and responsibilities.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Briefing and adopt COOP Plan.** 

11. FY 2010 THIRD QUARTER REPORT (1:30 – 1:40 p.m.)

Dan Drummond Councilmember, City of Fairfax Secretary-Treasurer, COG

Secretary-Treasurer Drummond will provide the COG Board with the FY 2010 third quarter (January–March) report.

13. OTHER BUSINESS (1:40-2:00 p.m.)

14. ADJOURN- NEXT MEETING JULY 9, 2010 (2:00 P.M.)



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