

Capitol Region Council of Governments

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POLICY BOARD MEETING CRRA Trash Museum January 23, 2008 Noon

Policy Board Attendance

Melody Currey, Chairman
Dick Hines
Jon Colman
Joyce Stille
Dick Barlow
Dave Kilbon
Scott Kaupin
Susan Karp
John Adams
Jim Boucher
Lee Erdmann
Lou Spadaccini
David Nagel
Barbara Gilbert
Mary Glassman
David Pinney
Scott Lingenfelter
Steve Werbner
Christopher Clark
Bonnie Therrien
Peter Souza
Steve Wawruck

Town/Organization

East Hartford
Avon
Bloomfield
Bolton
Canton
East Granby
Enfield
Glastonbury
Granby
Hartford
Hartford
Manchester
Newington
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Somers
Suffield
Tolland
Vernon
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor Locks

Others Present

Kathie Lutz
Dan Moore

Rome Smith & Associates
Northeast Utilities/CL&P

Staff

Cheryl Assis
Rebecca Augur
Mary Ellen Kowalewski
Tom Maziarz
Deborah Rihm
Lyle Wray

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Roll Call

Chair Currey called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

Adoption of Minutes from December 12, 2007 Regular Meeting

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2007 regular meeting. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Reports

Chair & Executive Director

The Executive Director reviewed the draft memo of the two-year goals and will bring them back as part of the budget packet. Mr. Wray is hearing that CRCOG may receive \$5 million from the OPM shared services grant. The audit was finished within minutes of the deadline. CRCOG is sending out another RFQ for office space, this time using a broker. Mr. Hines suggested Bill Farley. Mr. Wray highlighted his December report that was emailed to everyone 1-3-08. Mr. Wray mentioned Linda Osten's untimely passing and the article that was in each packet. She was a very busy woman working hard for the City of Hartford in her spare time.

Public Safety Council

The Council has formed a committee with four chiefs to work on the JAG grant. Applications are due in March.

CRCOG Homeland Security Grant Initiative

- FY 2004. Closed out with the exception of Reverse 911.
- FY 2005. DEMHS has applied for an extension and is confident this will occur. ROBIR-Regional Offender Biography Image Retrieval system – had several all-day development sessions with Cogent – close to an agreement. A couple of training notes: Total trained via CREPC sponsored training – 2,268. Dan Scace just completed a RED Plan training video which will be distributed to CEO's shortly. Citizen Corps – recently made \$2,800 available to each of the 10 communities with CERT teams and the state made an additional \$1,000 available.
- FY 2006. Purchasing of large ticket items that are on state/GSA contract has begun. This includes cell phone reading technology, SWAT equipment and four John Deer gators for a police pilot project. We entered into an MOU with Dr. Arnold Goldman for the animal rescue and response project.
- FY 2007. CRCOG has begun the process with DEMHS and had a resource typing training session this week. The Policy Board still needs to appoint two representatives to serve on the Regional Emergency Planning Team (CREPC).

Transportation Committee

It is anticipated that mid-February the truck ban will be lifted on Avon Mountain. Mr. Maziarz explained the STP Urban Program and how project funds (approximately \$3-4 million) could be lost due to delays in review. Mr. Colman made a motion that the Policy Board approves items 2-6 in the memo dated 1-4-08 to use the funds for these projects mentioned. Mr. Adams seconded. DISCUSSION: These projects were delayed in

review. If the money does not get used this year, we lose the money. There will not be any negative impact on any other projects. All voted in favor of the motion.

Presentation on Draft Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and Approval

Process

Rebecca Augur, CRCOG staff, explained this FEMA plan. It is for storm water projects, open space acquisition, vegetation maintenance, etc. Each town has their own section in the plan. Please review because you will be asked to approve your section. The plan is good for five years. The draft is on the website.

Discussion and Adoption of Draft GIS Data Distribution Policy

CRCOG is receiving requests to provide to consultants at minimal or no costs to others some GIS data. For six months we will not charge. Mr. Hines made a motion to adopt this distribution policy and not charge for six months. Ms. Therrien seconded.

DISCUSSION: If you are asked to analyze the information, then you should charge. Under FOI, you only have to provide what you have, not create a new record. All voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution on Year of Expenditure Dollars

This shows that we are properly inflating in accordance with the new federal requirements. Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Therrien seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

TIP Amendments

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the TIP amendments. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Proposed CRCOG Legislative Agenda

Mr. Adams explained that there are three main areas this year to concentrate on:

- Continuation of transportation funding including east of the river;
- Incentives for intertown cooperation;
- Conveyance tax.

Also added this year were federal items:

- Reauthorization of the federal transportation fund;
- Clean water support for cleanup of the CT River.

It was suggested that the towns that are successful with intertown cooperation, speak directly with their representatives. The crime bill has a lot of fiscal impact. Don't look for any extra money this year. Ms. Lutz will get some dates together and CRCOG members will try to accommodate. It is a good idea to get before the Governor now to get our ideas into her budget.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the proposed CRCOG Legislative Agenda for 2008. Mr. Colman seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

Mr. Kilbon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Karp seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.