

Capitol Region Council of Governments

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POLICY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING CRRRA Trash Museum May 21, 2008 Noon

Policy Board Attendance

Melody Currey, Chair
Dick Hines
Jon Colman
Dick Barlow
John Adams
Lee Erdmann
Lou Spadaccini
Dave Nagel
John Salomone
Mary Glassman
David Pinney
Matthew Galligan
Steve Werbner
Christopher Clark
Bonnie Therrien
Peter Souza
Steve Wawruck

Town/Organization

East Hartford
Avon
Bloomfield
Canton
Granby
Hartford
Manchester
Newington
Newington
Simsbury
Somers
South Windsor
Tolland
Vernon
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor Locks

Others Present

Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo

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Staff

Winsome Barnaby
Sandy Fry
Mary Ellen Kowalewski
Tom Maziarz
Deborah Rihm
Linda Savitsky
Lyle Wray

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Call to Order

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

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Minutes from April 23, 2008 Regular Meeting

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2008 regular meeting. Mr. Clark seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Reports

Chair & Executive Director

The Executive Director and Chair gave their reports. The Hartford Bar Association held a meeting regarding shared services and Tom Condon was the moderator. Mr. Wray brought the Board up to date on the office space search.

Community Development Committee/Municipal Services

Ms. Therrien reported that they had a great turnout at the last municipal services meeting with Northeast Utilities. FEMA has approved the Community Development grant. Ms. Auger will speak about that at next month's meeting.

Public Safety Council

Mr. Erdmann reported on the progress of the Greater Hartford Public Safety Academy. The school will be opening at an incubator site this September for grades 6, 7 and 9. There will be 150 student slots, 75 for Hartford and 75 for the region. At this point, Enfield is a potential incubator site. CREC representatives will make a presentation at our June 18th Public Safety Council meeting. The Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application has been approved by OPM and we are in the process of taking equipment orders from the 22 eligible communities. The larger police departments with higher crime rates received funding directly.

CRCOG Homeland Security Grant Initiative

- FY 2005. We have until the end of August to spend down these funds and this is the current priority for CRCOG staff. At this point, we are in fairly good shape, although we have a heavy workload for the next three months. Projects being completed include: the enhancements to the three regional coordination centers, CAPTAIN Fire and Citizen Corps.
- FY 2006. We have completed approximately 1/3 of the 06 projects and plan to order about 125 special needs cots shortly.
- FY 2008. As you know from the report by Lee Erdmann and Dan Vindigni last month, we completed our Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) application and expect to hear what our award is in August. Once we determine the amount of funding, it will be important for the Policy Board to help us prioritize between the investment justifications.

Transportation Committee

All transportation items will be taken care of during the meeting.

Consideration of the CRCOG 2008-2009 Annual Budget

This budget is a much clearer budget because it was done in the GFOA format. Budget highlights were discussed. Mr. Colman made a motion to adopt the 2008-2009 budget. Mr. Erdmann seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

TIP Amendments

- Vernon – Talcottville enhancements
- Transit District – ADA paratransit vans - AVL & GPS
- Transit District – ADA paratransit vans – replacement radios
- Transit District – Union Station repairs
- Hartford – Columbus Boulevard
- Newington – Kelsey Avenue

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

Consent Agenda

- a. Annual Self-certification Resolution for Transportation Planning Program
- b. Resolution Certifying CRCOG Does Not Discriminate
- c. Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Transportation to Work Vendor Contracts

Ms. Therrien made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Mr. Colman seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution of Support for National Active Transportation Campaign

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve support for the national active transportation campaign. Mr. Erdmann seconded. DISCUSSION: This is beginning in Simsbury and would like to see the drafted item. All voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Contract Agreement Under the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program

Mr. Wray thanked Ms. Kowalewski for her hard work on this grant program. Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Therrien seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

While waiting for Attorney DeCrescenzo to arrive, Mr. Maziarz took the opportunity to tell the Board that about \$160,000 more is need to finish the trail to East Granby, which is about 1/8 mile.

Discussion: CRRRA – Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo

Attorney DeCrescenzo gave a history on how CRRRA became to be. They were formed in 1973, with the Mid-Conn Project formed in the mid 1980's. The original bond was for \$390 million. Attorney DeCrescenzo reviewed the contract rules. CRRRA didn't keep up their side of the contract. There was a motion heard in Court this morning on the FY 2009 budget for the tipping budget. Mr. DeCrescenzo recommended that CRCOG put together an ad-hoc group to closely follow this and have them get back to the Policy Board. Once it was realized that there was a member of the CRRRA Board in the room, the Board decided to go into Executive Session. Mr. Colman made a motion to go into Executive Session at 1:10 p.m. to continue discussions with the attorney. All left except the attorney and the Executive Director. Ms. Therrien seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Therrien made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 1:55 p.m. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

Ms. Therrien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.