

Capitol Region Council of Governments

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POLICY BOARD REGULAR MEETING CRRRA Trash Museum December 10, 2008 Noon

Policy Board Attendance

Melody Currey, Chair
Dick Hines
Jon Colman
Joyce Stille
Dick Barlow
Jim Hayden
Dave Kilbon
Scott Kaupin
John Adams
Jim Boucher
Lee Erdmann
Jared Clark
Lou Spadaccini
Scott Shanley (alt)
Dave Nagel
Barbara Gilbert
Mary Glassman
Matthew Galligan
John Ward
Ron Van Winkle
Bonnie Therrien
Peter Souza
Steve Wawruck

Town/Organization

East Hartford
Avon
Bloomfield
Bolton
Canton
East Granby
East Granby
Enfield
Granby
Hartford
Hartford
Hebron
Manchester
Manchester
Newington
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
South Windsor
Vernon
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor Locks

Others Present

Bruce Douglas
Mike Bzdyna
Tom Phillips
MaryAnn Nusom Haverstock
Linda Kelly
Sharon O'Meara
Sarah Gallagher
Jeff Vose
Pete Smith
Tom Gorley
Robert DeCrescenzo

CREC
CRRA
CWP
DEP
HFPG
HFPG
Journey Home
MetroHartford Alliance
Rome, Smith & Lutz
Town of Middlebury
UKS

Staff

Mary Ellen Kowalewski	CRCOG
Jen March-Wackers	CRCOG
Deborah Rihm	CRCOG
Lyle Wray	CRCOG

Call to Order

Chair Currey called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Minutes from November 18, 2008 Special Meeting

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2008 special meeting. Ms. Therrien seconded. DISCUSSION: Ms. Therrien was present at the meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

Reports

Chair and Executive Director

They have been meeting with the legislature regarding the stimulus package. Renovations are finished at CRCOG. The ten shared services projects are moving along.

Capital Workforce Partners

Tom Phillips gave the CWP report on the Mortgage Crisis Job Training Program, the State and Federal legislative priorities, the editorial from Sunday's newspaper, and a legislative update on the mortgage crisis job training program.

MetroHartford Alliance

Jeff Vose gave the MetroHartford Alliance report. They will not be increasing dues next year. Mr. Vose reminded the Board of the municipal breakfasts.

Community Development Committee/Municipal Services

Ms. Maryann Nusom Haverstock from DEP spoke regarding the Farmington River Enhancement Grants. There is approximately \$500,000 for projects. Hopefully the towns are incorporating into their town regulations low impact development that would lead to improved water quality.

Public Safety Council

Lee Erdmann said the UASI spending plan is awaiting approval. The current contract with Camber needs to be amended to assist with UASI. Reverse 911 training is occurring. Barbara Buddington is now working with the CRCOG Public Safety staff and is in the process of sending a request to each CEO with a copy to the Emergency Management Director to select an additional \$3,000 worth of equipment for each municipal Emergency Operations Center.

CRCOG has issued an RFP through MMRS funds for a vendor to conduct several full-scale and tabletop exercises within our region and with our State partners. The response deadline is next week.

Transportation Committee

Mr. Colman reported there was no transportation meeting held in December. There are currently public hearings for the New Haven Springfield Rail Line.

Discussion: Bruce Douglas, Executive Director, CREC, Sheff v O'Neill

Mr. Douglas spoke about the Sheff v O'Neill settlement resolution. Invoices were sent out to all Superintendents in November. You should discuss this with your Boards of Education. The Board requested to see the entire impact on the region. Mr. Douglas mentioned there will be a meeting held at CREC on December 17 with the Commissioner of Education.

Journey Home Initiative

Linda Kelly, President, Hartford Foundation for Public Giving (HFPG), said that even though everyone has been affected by the economy, they are still able to continue their grant making. They will be focusing on basic human needs and homelessness. Sharon O'Meara also from the HFPG spoke on supportive housing, My Sister's Place and the Salvation Army. People are being turned away from the shelters in Hartford due to overcrowding with the loss of jobs, domestic violence, and high medical bills.

Sarah Gallagher from Journey Home said that since July they have been able to move 13 families from shelters into permanent housing. Journey Home tries to facilitate, coordinate, identify gaps, and follow best practices.

Board members should hold roundtable discussions with their towns and then report back to the Policy Board and the Legislative Committee. Jim Boucher mentioned there is a meeting at City Hall on Friday, December 19th. He will send the meeting notice to Mr. Wray. Mr. Boucher thanked the Hartford Foundation too.

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the CT Department of Social Services for Transportation to Work Programs
- b. Resolution between CRCOG/OPM for GIS Update of Sewer/Water Service Areas

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

Legislative Update

Pete Smith, Lobbyist, said that the Governor will most likely come out with another budget before the first of the year. New Chairmen are being chosen now. The state needs to move projects forward to help the economy. Board members should send letters to the Governor of “shovel-ready” projects with a copy to their legislators.

Executive Session

Ms. Therrien made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a public record exempt from disclosure under CGS 210(b)(10) at 1:30 p.m. Mr. DeCrescenzo stayed for the session. Ms. Glassman seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Colman seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.