

Call to Order

Chair Currey called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Minutes from February 27, 2008 Regular Meeting

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2008 regular meeting. Ms. Stille seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Reports

Chair & Executive Director

The Executive Director and Chair gave their reports. Mayor Currey mentioned that the legislative session is moving along and will be coming to an end shortly. Mr. Wray spoke about the ten mega-regions in the country.

Community Development Committee/Municipal Services

Ms. Therrien reported that they had a great turnout at the last municipal services meeting and that Ms. Mathiasen gave a presentation on permitting.

Public Safety Council

Ms. Assis reported that they will be able to upgrade the police users to 881 modems, however, the wireless costs will go up \$50 per year.

CRCOG Homeland Security Grant Initiative

- FY 2005 – extension granted through August 31, 2008.
- FY 2007- CRCOG has begun the process with DEMHS and has already held several of the SWOT analyses. The Public Works, EMS, Animal Response and Protection, and Police sessions were complete in March. Citizens Corps is scheduled for April.
- FY 2008 - DEMHS Region 3 has been identified as Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) eligible, which means we will be competing for \$351 million in FY 08 UASI funds with 53 other regions. CRCOG formed the Urban Area Work Group (UAWG) as required for the UASI grant. The UAWG consists of the two Policy Board representatives and the Chairmen of each of the 21 ESFs. We have added an UASI page to the CRCOG website.

Transportation Committee

The escalation of costs is impacting the transportation projects. CRCOG is trying to setup meetings with FHA and ConnDOT because we believe that other places in the country are moving quicker than CT.

Quarterly Report

The financial statements were at each seat. These are figures through December 31, 2007. They were presented to the Finance/Personnel Subcommittee last month. The statements indicate the Budgeted Revenues, Budget Adjustments, Receipts and Receivables and Expenditures by Department. There is \$63,000 in the general fund.

Journey Home, Inc.

Michael Barton is a board member of Journey Home, Inc. The Board acts as the broker for the activities. CRCOG has agreed to be the fiscal agent and house the director and one employee. The City of Hartford has donated \$150,000 a year for each of the next three years. Mr. Barton would like to see the other towns donate as well. It was brought up that most of the budgets are finished for FY 2009 so it most likely would not be until the following year. The reason most of the homeless are in Hartford is because that is where they can find the shelters and services, but they have come from all of the communities. Mr. Barton gave some statistics: 20% of the homeless are working and 16% are children.

Senator Dodd (Appropriations & Grants)

Lee Reynolds, Director of Community Affairs, spoke to the Board. Ms. Reynolds said that you should not wait any later than January to let the Senator's office know about projects for appropriations. The Senator can write letters of support for competitive grants on your town's behalf. Ms. Reynolds also spoke of the Senator's infrastructure to create a bank of regional projects of \$75,000 or more with private and public monies.

Consent Agenda

- a. Authorizing Resolution for Travel Model Improvement Project
- b. Authorizing Resolution for Route 6 Corridor Study
- c. Authorizing Resolution with CREC for Review and Assessment of CRCOG's Information Technology Needs
- d. Adopt Human Resource Classification and Compensation Plan

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

Town Roundtable on Budget Issues

The members took turns going around the table discussing their budget increases. Hartford is second highest in the state, just behind Waterbury. Some items that were cut from budgets were library hours, street lights, Resident State Trooper, and staff cuts. Some reasons for the budgets being high were the MDC budget, tipping fees, open space, and high debt service.

Legislative Update

Kathie Lutz gave an update on the budget. As new numbers are coming out now, the CRCOG legislative update will be sent out on Monday instead of this Friday.

Draft Active Transportation Plan Briefing

Tom Maziarz told the Board to take a look at the plan in their packets as they would be voting on it in April.

Adjournment

Ms. Therrien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.