

Capitol Region Council of Governments

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POLICY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING CRRA Trash Museum February 4, 2009 Noon

Policy Board Attendance

Melody Currey, Chair
Dick Hines
Jon Colman
Joyce Stille
Dick Barlow
Dave Kilbon
Mike Stupinski
Susan Karp
John Adams
Lee Erdmann
Jared Clark
Matthew Peak
Dave Nagel
John Salomone
Mary Glassman
David Pinney
Matthew Galligan
Cary Prague
Steve Werbner
John Ward
Bonnie Therrien
Peter Souza
Steve Wawruck

Town/Organization

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

Others Present

Tom Phillips
Kathie Lutz

CWP
Rome, Smith & Lutz

Staff

Mary Ellen Kowalewski
Jen March-Wackers
Tom Maziarz
Deborah Rihm
Dan Scace
Lyle Wray

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Call to Order

Chair Currey called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Minutes from December 10, 2008 Regular Meeting

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2008 regular meeting. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Presentation of the Audit

Jon Colman, Chairman, of the Finance/Personnel subcommittee, gave the presentation. The Finance/Personnel Subcommittee received the audit from the auditors for FY ending June 30, 2008. There were no deficiencies or findings. The Finance/Personnel Subcommittee approved the audit.

Due to IRS rules, new policies and procedures need to be put into place. There is a resolution making the Finance/Personnel subcommittee the Audit Committee.

Mr. Colman made a motion to accept the resolution identifying the Finance/Personnel subcommittee as the Audit Committee. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Budget Development Calendar

There was a handout regarding the timeline for the budget from the Finance department.

Consent Agenda Items:

- a) Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Tetra Tech to Conduct Scenario Based Incident Exercises for CREPC Communities
- b) Resolution Authorizing CRCOG Transportation Committee to Approve TIP Amendments on Behalf of the Policy Board
- c) Approval of CRCOG Legislative Agenda.

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

Resolution Authorizing Contract Agreement with World Energy for the Purpose of Establishing a Cooperative Electricity Consortium through CRCOG

CRCOG staff gave a report on this. The State of Connecticut uses World Energy, but CRCOG is not able to be added to their contract. CRCOG would be able to offer electricity with a fee comparable to other consortiums in the state. Mr. Kilbon made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing a contract agreement with World Energy for the purpose of establishing a cooperative electricity consortium through CRCOG. Mr. Colman seconded. All voted in favor.

The Governor gave her budget address and the Board listened. Some of the things she said was that she was going to eliminate and merge some state agencies; reduce the state fleet by 20%; remove 130 laws; no new costly mandates without a 2/3 approval; flat fund municipalities for two years; put \$40 million into regionalism; reduce the probate courts; and provide good honest work for good honest pay.

Mr. Colman made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to write a memo to the Governor telling her what the Board really liked about her budget ideas, and what they did not like about her budget. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor.

Reports

Chair and Executive Director

Chair Currey said that she made CRCOG a priority in her town budget, even though she had to cutback on other things. Mr. Wray has been working with Mr. Maziarz on the stimulus package which will be discussed later in the meeting. The Board asked for CRCOG to compile the MetroHartford Alliance dues.

Capital Workforce Partners

Tom Phillips talked about the \$5 million being eliminated from his youth employment program from the Governor's budget. He talked about Executive Order 23 – green jobs and the mortgage crisis program.

Community Development Committee/Municipal Services

Ms. Kowalewski said her department has been working hard on the job order contracting and the energy consortium. Also only seven towns have applied for the Home CT program. On February 26, at 11:30 a.m., in the South Congregational Church, the second roundtable will be held. Please let Ms. Kowalewski know who from your town is serving on this.

Public Safety Council/Homeland Security

Dan Scace, Homeland Security Training Coordinator, spoke about the Region 3 Outreach Program. The Board was excited about the program and would like to have CRCOG put together all the planning and details. There were no objections from any present town about doing this. Representative Sharkey is also interested in this type of project.

Discussion: Update on Municipal Solid Waste

A meeting was held with the Northeast region COGs and they are interested to sign up in doing what CRCOG does. CRRRA owns all the transfer stations. A question was asked if that means that all the towns would own the transfer stations when the contract expires. There was a handout on the information that has been collected to date. Feedback is wanted ASAP so that an RFP can be put together. There will be a meeting at the Rocky Hill Marriott on March 4, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

Discussion: Economic Stimulus Package

Tom Maziarz has been working very hard on this package. He had a handout with projects listed on it. He is re-working the project list. The goal is to capture as much money as possible into the region. The deadlines keep changing and we don't know the target of funding yet. Legislature won't allow for the funds to flow through the LoCIP accounts.

Legislative Update

Our approved legislative agenda will go up on the CRCOG website. Ms. Lutz will look for language for modification of binding arbitration and a timeframe for the next regular meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Kilbon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Colman seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.