

## Capitol Region Council of Governments

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### **POLICY BOARD REGULAR MEETING CRRA Trash Museum March 25, 2009 Noon**

#### **Policy Board Attendance**

Melody Currey, Chair  
Dick Hines  
Jon Colman  
Dick Barlow  
Steve Cassano  
Dave Kilbon  
Scott Kaupin  
Kathy Eagen  
Susan Karp  
Bill Smith  
Jim Boucher  
Lou Spadaccini  
Scott Shanley  
Dave Nagel  
John Salomone  
Barbara Gilbert  
Mary Glassman  
David Pinney  
Cary Prague  
Steve Werbner  
John Ward  
Bonnie Therrien  
Peter Souza  
Steve Wawruck

#### **Others Present**

Bruce Douglas  
Paul Nonnenmacher  
Grayson Wright  
Kathie Lutz  
John Pizzimenti  
Chief William Austin

#### **Town/Organization**

East Hartford  
Avon  
Bloomfield  
Canton  
CRCOG Foundation  
East Granby  
Enfield  
Farmington  
Glastonbury  
Granby  
Hartford  
Manchester  
Manchester  
Newington  
Newington  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
Somers  
South Windsor  
Tolland  
Vernon  
Wethersfield  
Windsor  
Windsor Locks

CREC  
CRRA  
CT DOT  
Rome, Smith & Lutz  
USA Hauling  
West Hartford Fire

Staff

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| Cheryl Assis          | CRCOG        |
| Carmine Centrella     | CRCOG        |
| Mary Ellen Kowalewski | CRCOG        |
| David Mason           | CRCOG Intern |
| Tom Maziarz           | CRCOG        |
| Debby Rihm            | CRCOG        |
| Lyle Wray             | CRCOG        |

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Paul Nonnenmacher had a handout regarding residential electronics recycling collection.

Adoption of Minutes from February 25, 2009 Special Meeting

Ms. Gilbert made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2009 meeting. Mr. Colman seconded. DISCUSSION: On page 3, under Recovery & Reinvestment Act, the statement "That leaves a balance of \$8.5 million" is incorrect. The balance is somewhere between \$7 and \$8 million because DOT alters the price based on their estimates, and money is moved to other projects. All voted in favor of the motion.

Reports

Chair and Executive Director

Chair Currey said that the **Annual Meeting and Golf Outing** will be held on **Thursday, June 4**, at the Manchester Country Club. Chairman Currey presented Chief Austin a plaque for his seven years of service and dedication to CRCOG and its Public Safety department.

Capital Region Education Council

Bruce Douglas, President of CREC, passed out information obtained from Commissioner McQuillan regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The ECS money goes directly to the towns, whereas the IDEA funds go directly to the schools. Mr. Douglas explained what the money can be used for and answered questions from the Board. There will be more information coming out this week. Board of Education members and town officials should be attending these superintendent meetings.

Community Development/Municipal Services

Ms. Kowalewski thanked the 17 towns that sent a representative to the roundtable on homelessness. The electricity consortium has been formed, but they are still accepting towns. The OrthoFlight project is coming along and will provide high quality GIS data.

### Public Safety/Homeland Security

Ms. Assis introduced Carmine Centrella. Mr. Centrella gave a brief on the upcoming exercise for a biological event and a severe weather event. This will be held on April 28 at South Congregational Church.

### Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee discussion is under the Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

### Approval of TIP Amendments

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the TIP amendments with moving the Canton project of \$700,000 into \$560,000/\$70,000/\$70,000. Mr. Erdmann seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

### Consent Agenda Items:

- Resolution Authorizing Entering into Contract with the CT Department of Public Health
- Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Russell Phillips & Associates for Emergency Planning Consulting Services

Ms. Therrien made a motion to approve the above consent agenda items. Ms. Gilbert seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

### Approval of Final List of ARRA Transportation Projects and Reserve Transportation Projects

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the list of ARRA projects and backup transportation projects. Ms. Therrien seconded. DISCUSSION: Mr. Maziarz explained the process. The Canton project moved over to the STP because the Governor didn't choose our two programs. Mr. Cassano is concerned with the timetable. Mr. Boucher wished the City received more than one project since they were high on the ranking. Some members want answers as to why some projects that were not proposed by 12/31 were approved and others were not. They were also concerned with the high costs. A letter to Lisa Moody and/or the DOT Governor's Task Force was mentioned. All voted in favor of the motion.

### Solid Waste Management Update

Mr. Wray mentioned that when the draft is finalized, it will be brought before the Policy Board for adoption.

### State & Federal Legislative Update

Kathie Lutz from Rome Smith & Lutz said that there is \$221 million that the Appropriations Committee cannot find from the deficit mitigation. Also, she does not believe there will be a labor agreement by April 1. In order to make regional projects work, CRCOG support is greatly needed. Please speak with your legislators about getting the money put back into the budget. Mr. Cassano suggested a one page letter with a list of bullets.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Salomone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.