

## Capitol Region Council of Governments

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### **POLICY BOARD REGULAR MEETING CRRA Trash Museum April 22, 2009 Noon**

#### **Policy Board Attendance**

Melody Currey, Chair  
Dick Hines  
Jon Colman  
Dick Barlow  
Dave Kilbon  
Scott Kaupin  
John Adams  
Lee Erdmann  
Lou Spadaccini  
Dave Nagel  
John Salomone  
Barbara Gilbert  
Mary Glassman  
David Pinney  
Matt Galligan  
Steve Werbner  
John Ward  
Ron Van Winkle  
Bonnie Therrien  
Peter Souza  
Steve Wawruck

#### **Others Present**

Gary LeBeau  
Grayson Wright  
Pete Smith  
Jeff Vose  
David Fink

#### **Town/Organization**

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

CT State Senate  
Conn DOT  
Rome, Smith & Lutz  
MetroHartford Alliance  
Partnerships for Strong  
Communities

### Staff

Cheryl Assis	CRCOG
Lynn Pike DiSanto	CRCOG
Mary Ellen Kowalewski	CRCOG
Jen March Wackers	CRCOG
Tom Maziarz	CRCOG
Emily Moos	CRCOG
Debby Rihm	CRCOG
Lyle Wray	CRCOG

### Call to Order

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

### Public Comment

Matt Galligan introduced Senator LeBeau. A movie studio is looking to build a 400,000 square foot facility in South Windsor. It would cost \$90 million to build. It would bring in over 2,000 jobs with local unions. They built one in New Mexico which was the first one outside of California and Connecticut would be the next one. Political pressure is needed especially with the subcommittee of Finance. Mr. Nagel made a motion to show support of the movie studio project moving forward in South Windsor. Mr. Erdmann seconded. All voted in favor.

### Adoption of Minutes from March 25, 2009 Regular Meeting

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2009 meeting as submitted. Mr. Kilbon seconded. 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 said that CREC and CRCOG held a meeting with the Superintendents, town managers, first selectmen, etc. regarding ARRA funds. One thing learned was that the ECS money is being shared with higher education. Mr. Wray said that the money may go to the BOE directly, not to the town first. At CRCOG, we have budgeted for no state aid. A Board retreat is needed to set priorities. RFP went out, and interviews were held, for an employee benefits consultant. The chosen firm was Ovation Benefit Group. MetroHartford Alliance Inter City visit is October 5-6 and cost \$1,500. Ms. Glassman made a motion that CRCOG send Lyle and another elected official for a total of \$3,000. Mr. Erdmann seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Lyle will be in Singapore and Thailand from April 25-May 9.

#### MetroHartford Alliance

Jeff Vose, MetroHartford Alliance, passed out information regarding the Rising Star Breakfast on April 27 regarding the TCP coming in June. The Alliance is also helping South Windsor get the movie studio. They have new website enhancements for GIS services for the municipalities to use.

### Community Development/Municipal Services

Ms. Kowalewski noted that the steering committee for shared services needs to get back together again. The Electricity cooperative now has 14 towns involved. A reverse auction will be held in June. The Purchasing Council is still working on the savings for each town.

### Public Safety/Homeland Security

Ms. Assis reminded the officials of the tabletop exercise taking place next week. The CEO briefing will begin at 9:30.

Resource Typing- We are just about at 100% for everything except Public Works. Once again please encourage your PW Directors to supply us with the requested information.

The third Annual CCM Emergency Management Symposium will be held on May 12th. The focus is on regional collaboration and five of our ESF Chairs will be making presentations.

DEMHS is planning to release our FY 07 homeland security funds shortly and we have sent in a letter of intent to apply for the FY 08 funds.

### Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee discussion was about Mr. Maziarz and his staff working with state and federal officials regarding the Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He is having a productive and positive relationship with ConnDOT.

### **Approval of TIP Amendments**

The DOT agreed to add the Canton project to the list of jobs to be done. The Commissioner has decided not to charge the \$50,000 administrative fee for each project. It was determined that the FY09 Wethersfield obligations are not possible unless the costs come in lower. Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the new TIP amendments on the yellow paper. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Colman made a motion to amend the transportation planning work program to include a carryover \$320,000 of federal funds appropriated for FY2009 to FY2010. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

### LOCHSTP

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the LOCHSTP – Section 5310 amendment. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

Matthew Galligan said that Tom and his staff did an excellent job with the Buckland study.

### **Consent Agenda Items:**

- Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Tetra Tech EM inc. to Conduct a FEMA Gap Analysis/Capabilities Assessment for All Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee Communities.

Mr. Erdmann made a motion to approve the above resolution. Mr. Hines seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **Update of the Plan of Conservation and Development for the Capitol Region**

Mary Ellen Kowalewski and Emily Moos gave the review to the Board. The 2009 update serves as a guide for conservation and development for the capitol region towns. CRCOG reviews about 150 plans a year. Final approval by Policy Board will take place in September.

### **Update on HOMEConnecticut Program**

David Fink gave an update on the HOMEConnecticut program. Currently there is a hold on new applications. Towns should plan zones with denser housing. There will be a workshop held by Julie Campoli at the Lyceum on May 15.

### **Solid Waste Management Update**

Members need to start coming to these CRRA meetings. New bylaws are coming out and you should be there. Mr. Colman made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to issue an RFI to Mid-Conn and the northwest towns. Mr. Kilbon seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **State & Federal Legislative Update**

Pete Smith from Rome Smith & Lutz said that the DEP funding is part of the \$200 million general fund. The two sides still can't decide on the deficit amount. The rainy day fund is gone, they will have to raise taxes, and they are talking about bonding. Keep pressure on your legislators to help with the municipal budgets.

### **Adjournment**

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