

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Willamalane Community Recreation Center
250 S. 32nd Street - Springfield

September 24, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Director Greg James (WPRD), Chair
Councilor Chris Pryor (Eugene), Vice-Chair
Mayor Phil Brubaker (Florence)
Mayor Neil Friedman (Westfir)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)
Mayor Judy Volta (Coburg)
Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)
Mayor Dwight Coon (Junction City)
Councilor Darrell Carman (Veneta)
Commissioner Joann Ernst (EWEB)
Commissioner Joshua Greene (Port of Siuslaw)

Commissioner Faye Stewart (Lane County)
Board Member Wayne Helikson (RRPRD)
Board Member Alan Laisure (School District 52)
Board Member Tony McCown (LCC)
Board Member Jim Torrey (School District 4J)
Board Member Steve Olienyk (Siuslaw Fire Dist.)
Director Sherry Duerst-Higgins (Lane ESD)
Director Penny Jordan (Emerald PUD)
Director Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library District)
Director Bob Sneddon (W. Lane Ambulance Dist.)

Absent

City of Springfield Representative
City of Creswell Representative
City of Lowell Representative

Lane Library Representative
School District 68 (McKenzie) Representative
School District 19 (Springfield) Representative

NON-VOTING MEMBER

Board Member Greg Evans - Lane Transit District Representative

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Bob Keefer (WPRD), Walt Haniuk (RRPRD), Dale Weigandt (RRPRD), Tom Schwetz (LTD), Tom Lindly (School District 19), Sally Friedman

LCOG STAFF

George Kloepfel, Bob Swank, Jamon Kent, Kay Metzger, Byron Vanderpool, Ann Mortenson

CALL TO ORDER

1. WELCOME - ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Greg James called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Secretary Ann Mortenson called the roll of members. Chairperson James noted there was clearly a quorum present. He indicated he would attempt to move briskly through the business agenda, so there would be plenty of time for the evening's planning session.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Superintendent Bob Keefer (WPRD) welcomed everyone to the Willamalane Community Recreation Center. He noted that this two year-old facility is both a recreation center and the administration building for the District. He pointed out that it had been built in cooperation with the City of Springfield and without the sale of bonds.

There were no other public comments.

REPORTS

4. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson James referred to agenda support material entitled "Report of the Executive Committee" and offered no additional comments.

5. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Executive Director George Kloppel referred to agenda support material entitled "Advisory Council Reports" and pointed out that the members of these advisory councils and the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) provide a valuable service to their communities. There were no additional comments.

6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloppel thanked the Willamalane Park and Recreation District for hosting tonight's meeting and then referred to agenda support material entitled "Comments from the Executive Director". He noted that the LCOG Board's next meeting would be on December 10 and would be hosted by the Bethel School District. He cited the attached Board meeting schedule for 2010 and asked Board members to volunteer their organizations as hosts for upcoming

meetings. Mr Kloepfel pointed out that LCOG's Regional Land Information Data (RLID) System had recently received an Exemplary Systems in Government award from the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA). He mentioned that LCOG's Regional Fiber Consortium had received an Honorable Mention in the Community Broadband Awards competition operated by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA). Mr. Kloepfel also encouraged LCOG Board members to purchase tickets to a wine tasting fundraiser for Senior Connections that will be held on Tuesday, October 27 at WineStyles.

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson James stated that the Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the June 25, 2009 Board meeting, which is part of the agenda support material.

Mayor Hampton moved, seconded by Director Sherry Duerst-Higgins, to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously, 22:0.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Nominating Committee Report / Election of 2010 Chair and Vice-Chair

Mayor Phil Brubaker, Nominating Committee Chair, announced that his committee was nominating Councilor Chris Pryor for Chairperson and Mayor Judy Volta for Vice-Chairperson. Both Board members accepted nomination.

Chairperson James asked for further nominations, but there were none.

Chairperson James called for a vote to formally elect the following as LCOG Board officers for 2010: Councilor Chris Pryor (Chairperson) and Mayor Judy Volta (Vice-Chairperson). Councilor Pryor and Mayor Volta were elected unanimously, 22:0.

B. Executive Director's Biennial Performance Review: Follow-up and Goals

Chairperson James referred to agenda support material entitled "'360 Degree' Executive Director Performance Review, Follow-Up" and noted that the Executive Committee recommends acceptance of the goals for the next biennium prepared by Mr. Kloepfel.

Director Steve Recca moved, seconded by Board Member Alan Laisure, to adopt the proposed performance goals for the Executive Director. The motion was adopted unanimously, 22:0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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A. LCOG Legal Counsel

Mr. Kloeppe referred to agenda support material entitled “Legal Counsel”. He described the process LCOG followed in soliciting and reviewing proposals for legal services and announced that the Eugene firm of Speer Hoyt, LLC – the “Local Government Law Group” – had been selected. He noted that, as in the past, most of the law firm’s interactions will be with LCOG staff, rather than directly with the LCOG Board.

B. Collective Bargaining Report

Mr. Kloeppe referred to agenda support material entitled “Collective Bargaining Report” and described recent contract settlements with the two represented groups of LCOG employees. The **LCOG Employees Association** negotiated a new one-year contract that includes a 2.75% cost-of-living raise. Instead of taking effect as of July 1, which is the usual effective date of COLA increases, the raise will be deferred until January 1, 2010. LCOG employees represented by **Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 503** are in the middle of a contract that will expire June 30, 2010. That contract called for a 2.75% cost-of-living increase effective July 1, 2009, however, both employees and management were concerned that funding reductions from the state would result in the need to layoff employees. As a result, they used their Labor Management Committee process to jointly identify and agree to several steps that would enable them to save nine positions. SEIU-represented employees will receive their 2.75% cost-of-living increase effective July 1, 2009, but they agreed to take a one day per month furlough from July through December 2009 and they will switch to the HRA health insurance plan that covers all other LCOG employees. In response to a question, Bob Swank reported that this will result in an overall savings for the SEIU group of about \$100,000.

C. Dunes City Withdrawal from Membership

Mr. Kloeppe announced that the City of Dunes City had decided to withdraw its membership in LCOG for financial reasons, but would continue to subscribe to LCOG’s RLID System.

D. S&DS Funding Report

Kay Metzger referred to agenda support material entitled “S&DS Funding Report”. The final budget adopted by the Oregon Legislature included sizeable funding cuts in two areas, but also increases based on significantly increased S&DS caseloads. Ms. Metzger said local S&DS management is analyzing caseloads and will prudently begin hiring new staff to help relieve the burden on current employees. In response to a question from Commissioner Joshua Greene, Ms. Metzger and Kloeppe noted that there are about 200 LCOG employees of which about 120 work in S&DS.

E. Appreciation Dinner Reminder, Awards Solicitation

Mr. Kloepfel reminded Board members that the annual LCOG Appreciation Dinner will occur on January 28, 2010 at Lane Community College. He said information about the event will be distributed in October and urged Board members to consider nominating members of their organizations for recognition.

F. Census Programs, i.e. New Construction Program

Byron Vanderpool referred to agenda support material entitled "Census Programs". He said that there is no national agreement between the Census Bureau and the US Postal Service to allow post office box delivery of census forms for local residents who do not receive home mail delivery. This means that officials in affected cities will need to work with their postmasters to arrange for post office box delivery.

Director Penny Jordan asked how this will work in areas like Marcola that have post office box delivery, but which are not incorporated cities. Mr. Vanderpool said in such cases Lane County officials will need to work with the involved postmasters.

Mr. Kloepfel noted that city managers and the county administrator are aware of this problem and discussed it at their regular joint meeting earlier in the day.

BOARD PLANNING SESSION

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Chairperson James referred to agenda support material entitled "Board Planning Session" and explained that the Executive Committee and LCOG staff had set up a roughly two and one-half hour planning session process to help Board members address the question, "What can the LCOG Board of Directors do to enhance the quality of life in the region?"

Mr. Kloepfel offered the following introduction to and overview of the planning session. He reminded Board members that LCOG was formed 64 years ago as a regional planning body focused on parks, roads, and utilities. Over the years, the scope of LCOG operations has broadened to include things like S&DS services, RLID, small business loans, phone systems, etc.

Mr. Kloepfel said that tonight the Board will be engaged in basic policy planning – a) identifying problems, b) envisioning the way things should work, and then c) trying to identify steps on the path to achieving that vision.

a) Much of the problem identification task was accomplished, he said, through Ms. Mortenson's prior telephone interviews with Board members. Responses were grouped in the following areas - public safety; communication and governance; infrastructure, including transportation; human services, and economic development. The results were displayed on the spreadsheet that was part of the agenda support material.

b) During the planning session, Mr. Kloeppe said Board members will be divided into four groups and, with the assistance of an LCOG staff member, will discuss what they want to see as preferred visions in the various policy areas. Each group should then identify the five visions they consider most important. Finally, the Board will come back together, review the visions identified in all the small groups, and hopefully have enough time to select 2-4 visions to work on during 2010. Mr. Kloeppe suggested a two-step filtering process for the Board to use in selecting those key visions: 1) Which visions are suited for regional, multi-jurisdictional attention? And 2) Which visions are suited for LCOG to play a role in moving toward the desired outcomes?

c) LCOG staff will then go back and work with the Executive Committee to develop potential plans to address these visions, which the Board will consider at its next meeting.

The Board members divided up into the following groups at 6:45 PM.

Blue Group: Helikson, Recca, Brubaker, Ernst, and Evans. Guest: Haniuk. Facilitator: Kent.

Yellow Group: Laisure, Jordan, Pryor, Hampton, and Greene. Guest: Lindly. Facilitator: Swank.

Green Group: Williams, Stewart, Torrey, Duerst-Higgins, Olienyk, Friedman, and Carman. Facilitator: Vanderpool.

Red Group: McCown, Coon, Volta, Sneddon, and James. Facilitator: Metzger.

The small group discussion continued until 8:00 PM, when the Board reformed to hear reports from each of the four groups. Those reports are attached to and included as part of these meeting minutes.

Mr. Kloeppe urged Board members to identify similarities and look for ways to consolidate the vision statements.

Director Bob Sneddon noted that each group had said something about a coordinated public safety system.

Board Member Greg Evans, Mayor Volta, Commissioner Ernst, Board Member Torrey, and Director Recca discussed the connections among infrastructure, transportation, economic development, and human services.

Mayor Volta, Board Member Torrey, Director Sneddon, and Councilor Pryor focused on communications, new technology, and LCOG's ability to act as a coordinator or clearinghouse in this area.

After some discussion about how to proceed, Councilor Pryor, Director Jordan, and Board Member McCown recommended that the vision statements be distributed to LCOG Board members and that the Executive Committee be empowered to consolidate those statements into

2-4 visions for the full Board to consider working on during 2010, using the filters described previously by Mr. Kloeppe. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed in this manner.

Mr. Kloeppe, Mayor Volta, and Chairperson James commended Board members for working hard, having productive discussions, and finding numerous areas of common concern.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

(Recorded by Kurt Willcox)