



MINUTES

LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Willamalane Center for Sports and Recreation
Ken Long Room
250 South 32nd Street, Springfield

September 22, 2011 - 6:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Councilor Chris Pryor (Eugene), Chair	Board Member Penny Jordan (EPUD)
Councilor Mike Anderson (Creswell)	Board Member Al King (School District 19)
Commissioner Rich Cunningham (EWEB)	Board Member Alan Laisure (School District 52)
Member Sherry Duerst-Higgins (Lane ESD)	Board Member Tony McCown (LCC)
Councilor Jeff Gowing (Cottage Grove)	Board Member Bill McCoy (Lane Library District)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Councilor Joe Pishioneri (Springfield)
Mayor Sharon Hobart-Hardin (Veneta)	Board Member Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library)
Board Member Greg James (Willamalane)	Mayor Judy Volta (Coburg)

Absent

City of Florence	School District 4J (Eugene)
City of Lowell	School District 68 (McKenzie)
City of Westfir	Siuslaw Valley Fire District
City of Junction City	River Road Parks and Recreation District
Lane County	Western Lane Ambulance District
Port of Siuslaw	

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Board Member Mike Dubick (LTD)

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Bob Keefer, Ron Kilcoyne

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppe, Jeff Krueger, Nancy Sargent-Johnson, Jamon Kent, Ann Mortenson, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Chris Pryor called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Member Greg James welcomed members to the Willamette Center for Sports and Recreation. Willamalane Superintendent Bob Keefer gave a brief introduction to development of the newly expanded facility and invited interested persons to join him on a tour at the conclusion of the meeting.

Chairperson Pryor invited members to introduce themselves, providing a short report of “the latest” from member agencies.

Chairperson Pryor determined that there were no requests to change the Agenda and that there were no persons present wishing to make Public Comment.

2. REPORTS

Chairperson Pryor reviewed Agenda support material entitled “Report of the Executive Committee,” highlighting information it contained regarding a Sustainable Communications Grant, and the LCOG Communications Project.

Executive Director George Kloeppel referred to Agenda support material entitled “Advisory Council Reports,” noting that it contained information about meetings of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, Lane Area Commission on Transportation, Senior Services Advisory Council, and Disability Services Advisory Council.

Mr. Kloeppel referred to Agenda support material entitled “Comments from the Executive Director.” He reviewed information it contained about a request for members to host meetings of the Board, a Fern Ridge Service Center grant awarded to Veneta, LCOG staff leadership training, the appointment of LCOG Senior and Disabled Services Director Kay Metzger to a statewide Coordinated Care Organizations committee by Governor John Kitzhaber. A U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to the Lane County Sheriff’s Office, and the January 26 LCOG Appreciation Dinner and Awards Event.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Pryor noted that the Consent Agenda contained acceptance of the minutes of the June 23, 2011, meeting of the Board.

Board Member Steve Recca moved, seconded by Councilor Joe Pishioneri, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

4. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

Senior and Disabled Services (S&DS) Program Manager Nancy Sargent-Johnson referred to Agenda support material entitled “S&DS Staffing Update” and commented on information it contained regarding actions taken to address S&DS funding issues. She said de-

cisions made by the Oregon Legislature and Department of Human Services to continue to fund LCOG and other Transfer Area Agencies on Aging at 85 percent of what it costs a State office to do the same work and flawed formulas for calculating the number of eligible staff as the reasons for the issue. She reviewed how LCOG had dealt with the funding shortfall by instituting unpaid furloughs for management and supervisory staff, and by voluntary separation incentives accepted by others, eliminating the equivalent of five permanent staff positions.

5. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Board Member James stated that he, Mayor Phil Brubaker, and Board Member Sherry Duerst-Higgins had met as a Nominating Committee. He said they had agreed, because of the impending retirement of Mr. Kloeppel and anticipated circumstances surrounding determination of his successor that it would be wise to maintain as much continuity and experience among Board Officers as possible. He reported that Vice Chairperson Mayor Judy Volta had requested that she not be asked to continue to serve.

Board Member James said the Committee had agreed to nominate Councilor Chris Pryor as Board Chairperson and Board Member Al King as Board Vice Chairperson for 2012.

Chairperson Pryor determined that there were no further nominations for either office and closed the nominations.

Councilor Pishioneri moved, seconded by Board Member Steve Recca, to elect Chris Pryor as Board Chairperson and Al King as Board Vice Chairperson for 2012. The motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

Chairperson Pryor reported that Board Member Jim Torrey had asked to resign from the Board Executive Committee, but that it had been agreed a replacement would be determined at the next scheduled Board meeting.

LCOG Associate Director Bob Swank referred to Agenda support material entitled "LCOG Public Contracting Rules." He gave a brief explanation of a legal counsel recommendation that the existing rules be revised to ensure compliance with the newly developed Oregon Public Contracting Code. He said the proposed LCOG Rules revision did not conflict with those of the State, but set parameters for unique local conditions. He explained that needed approval would be accomplished by adopting Resolution 2011-3, JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LOCAL CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD OPTING OUT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MODEL PUBLIC CONTRACTING RULES AND ADOPTING NEW PUBLIC CONTRACTING RULES FOR LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

Members discussed the proposed Rules and Resolution.

Councilor Pishioneri moved, seconded by Mayor Hobart-Hardin to adopt Resolution 2011-3. The motion was adopted unanimously, 14:0:1, with Board Member Steve Recca abstaining from voting.

Chairperson Pryor referred to Agenda support material entitled “Executive Director Retirement, Employment Agreement” and reviewed it, noting that it contained information regarding the intention of Mr. Kloepfel to retire as Executive Director on June 30, 2012, and separating from Oregon Public Employees Retirement System on November 30, 2011. He noted that the material stated that Mr. Kloepfel intended to continue serving as Executive Director after November 30 through an Amendment to his Employment Agreement that was included.

Chairperson Pryor reported that the Executive Committee recommended four Board actions related to the retirement of Mr. Kloepfel, as follows:

- 1) Accept Executive Director George Kloepfel’s resignation effective November 30, 2011;
- 2) Rehire George Kloepfel effective December 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, under a new Employment Agreement;
- 3) Authorize the LCOG Board Chair, Chris Pryor, to establish a Search Committee with both LCOG Board Members and other key stakeholders, including representation from members’ chief executive officers; and
- 4) Authorize the Executive Committee to enter into an appropriate agreement with a recruitment firm or public entity pursuant to a recommendation from the Search Committee.

Board members discussed the retirement of Mr. Kloepfel, recommendations of the Executive Committee, and proposed Employment Agreement Amendment.

Board member Tony McCown moved, seconded by Mayor Hobart-Hardin, (1) to accept the resignation of Executive Director George Kloepfel effective November 30, 2011; (2) to rehire Mr. Kloepfel as Executive Director effective December 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, under an amendment to his Employment Agreement recommended by the Executive Committee; (3) to authorize the LCOG Board Chairperson Chris Pryor, to establish a Search Committee with both LCOG Board Members and other key stakeholders, including representation from Members’ chief executive officers; and (4) to authorize the Executive Committee to enter into an appropriate agreement with a recruitment firm or public entity pursuant to a recommendation from the Search Committee.

Councilor Joe Pishioneri moved, seconded by Commissioner Rich Cunningham, to amend the first declaration of the Employment Agreement Amendment recommended by the Executive Committee, as follows: “. . . the term could be shortened, provided that ~~sixty (60)~~ thirty (30) days notice is provided to Kloepfel.” The motion to amend was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

The amended motion was adopted unanimously, 15:0.

Mr. Kloepfel expressed appreciation to the Board for its approval of his request. He stated that he would continue to do his best as Executive Director until June 30, 2012.

Chairperson Pryor noted that an annotated timetable entitled “Executive Director Recruitment Process” reviewed by the Executive Committee had been included with Agenda support material discussed earlier.

Chairperson Pryor asked if there were Members interested in serving on the Search Committee. Volunteers included Greg James, Al King, Tony McCown, Joe Pishioneri, and Judy Volta.

6. FEATURED PRESENTATION

LCOG Government Services Senior Landscape Architect Jeff Krueger stated that he was assigned as staff responsible for *Rivers to Ridges*, a regional parks and open space visioning effort for the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area. He said the vision was endorsed by numerous interest groups and unanimously by the city councils of Eugene and Springfield, Willamalane Park District, and Lane County Board of Commissioners.

Through the use of maps and pictures, Mr. Krueger reviewed implementation of the *Rivers to Ridges* vision since its adoption in 2003. He explained that principles of development included limited impact on developable land, using a non-regulatory approach, and voluntary property owner participation. He showed how the vision included conservation and development of habitat, recreation areas, biking and pedestrian trails, viewscape preservation, urban interface, public safety, economic development, history education, sense of place, and working landscapes.

Chairperson Pryor noted that additional Agenda support material had been distributed entitled “Collective Bargaining Report” and “LCOG Communication Plan Update.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)