

MINUTES

Lane Economic Committee
Lane Council of Governments
859 Willamette Street, 5th Floor
Eugene, Oregon

January 24, 2011 – 11:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Rob Scoggin, Chair; Pat Albright, Mike Galvin, Don Hampton, Phillip Hudspeth, Jacque Morgan, Ellen Teninty, members; Mike McKenzie-Bahr, Barry Miller, Robin Onoclea, Howard Schesser, Mike Sullivan, John Tamulonis, alternate members.

Milo Mecham (LCOG); Bob Warren (Oregon Economic & Community Development Department).

ABSENT: DeAnn Cherbas, Chuck Forster, Greg Rikhoff, John Sullivan, members; Deb Schmidt, Kari Westlund, *ex officio* members; Tim Black, Lawrence Brice, Dave Houser, Tony McCown, Jack Roberts, Warren Weathers, Lynette Wikstrom, Ron Woods, alternate members.

GUESTS: Kristin Sanger, Ben Sappington

Chairperson Rob Scoggin called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Lane Economic Committee (LEC) to order at 11:35 a.m. He invited those who were present to introduce themselves. He determined that there was no one present wishing to make a public comment. He said that he had no special comments. LCOG staff Milo Mecham reported that Steve Dignam was absent because of the serious illness of a parent.

1. Targeted Economic Development Strategies

Barry Miller referred to a memorandum dated January 7, regarding Economic Development Strategies, and reviewed their previous discussion by the LEC, including their endorsement and recommendation to the LCOG Board of Directors. He reported that the Board had adopted the strategies at its December meeting.

2. Minutes

Robin Onoclea moved, seconded by John Tamulonis, to accept the minutes of the November 19 LEC meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

3. Membership

Mike Galvin commented on Agenda support material entitled “LEC Member Appointments” and reviewed recommendations of the Nominations Committee it contained.

Mr. Galvin moved, seconded by Mr. Tamulonis, to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and recommend that the LCOG Board appoint members of the LEC, as follows:

DeAnn Cherbas – Reappoint to a new term

Robert Scoggin – Reappoint to a new term

John Sullivan – Reappoint to a new term

Ellen Teninty – Reappoint to a new term

Ben Sappington – Appoint to a new term

Members discussed the proposed appointment recommendations, including the representation categories.

The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

4. Officers Election

Mr. Galvin reported that January was the time of the annual election of LEC officers.

Mr. Galvin nominated Rob Scoggin to serve as LEC Chairperson for 2011. There were no other nominations and it was agreed that the election was unanimous.

Mr. Galvin nominated John Sullivan to serve as LEC Vice Chairperson for 2011. There were no other nominations and it was agreed that the election was unanimous.

5. Cottage Grove Economic Development

Economic Development Coordinator Kristin Sanger made a presentation regarding the status of “Growing the Grove” program in Cottage Grove. She reviewed partnerships that had been developed with the city in the effort. She cited specific projects that illustrated its goals of (1) Support small business; (2) Promote Cottage Grove; (3) Be ready for new industry; and (4) Expand partnerships.

Ms. Sanger described strategies and tactics of the program: grassroots support, self-sustaining economic development program, rebuilding of the Revolving Loan Fund, developing the historic downtown, producing promotional advertising, and targeting industries.

Ms. Sanger invited members to encourage the groups they represented to join the Growing the Grove Partnership and emphasized the mutual benefit of a regional vision in economic development. She said the Partnership was committed to dissolve competition and share resources.

Members discussed the presentation.

6. Chamber of Commerce Regional Prosperity Initiative

Ben Sappington made a presentation regarding the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce Regional Prosperity Initiative. He described the background and grant funding of the program, emphasizing its importance for business retention and expansion.

Members discussed the presentation.

Chairperson Scoggin announced that the next LEC meeting was scheduled for February 14.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)