

Agenda Item Number 6.

Comments from the Executive Director

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

1. **Board Meeting Schedule**

Our thanks to the City of Veneta for hosting tonight's Board meeting. The schedule of Board meetings for this year is attached. Our next meeting will be April 26 and will be hosted by Willamalane. The scheduled "special discussion" topic in April is "the impact of education on the economy," and the Executive Committee will be assisting staff in making the arrangements for that session. Note that we do not have hosts for our Board meetings in September and December of this year, as yet. Volunteers are welcome.... Because the regular September date conflicts with the League of Oregon Cities' conference in Bend, I would suggest that the Board reschedule to the third Thursday in September, the 20th. If needed, an Executive Committee meeting could be held immediately in advance of the Board meeting.

2. **Public Official Training**

For over a decade, an every-other-year service that we have offered has been a public officials' training session—provided and led by the attorneys of Harrang Long Gary Rudnick, P.C. The firm is LCOG's Legal Counsel and serves in that capacity for several of our member jurisdictions. The training session, however, is provide pro bono to the end that public officials in our region are aware of the legal implications and requirements around ethics, public contracting, public meetings, public records, and other laws of the State. The law firm has agreed to conduct the session again this spring, if there is interest. The Board's judgment and direction are sought. If, at your direction, we move forward, LCOG's role will be to manage the logistics and the invitations for the session.

3. S&DS Area Plan Hearing

Each year, as the Area Agency on Aging, LCOG prepares an Update to the “Area Plan” for the services to be delivered to seniors and people with disabilities in Lane County. Since November, the Advisory Councils, and specifically the Planning and Budget Committee, have worked on the Needs Assessment (fall of 2006) and the projected Older Americans Act budget for FY 2007-08. The product of the Committee’s work, a draft plan for the coming year, will be reviewed at a public hearing on February 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Hilyard Center in Eugene. A final recommendation for adoption of the plan will come to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors in April.

4. Agency Open House

In the summer of 2005, LCOG hosted an open house to provide the “extended family” with a comfortable opportunity to tour the office, visit with staff and learn about the services and capabilities of the organization. Since the event was well received, the management team has decided to bring it back for an encore. We have not set the date as yet, but Thursday, June 7, is a likely candidate. Notice here is simply to get the Open House on the radar screens of Board members. Invitations will be forthcoming when the details have been worked out. I hope that the turnout will be good again this year and that all members of the Board will be able to drop by.