

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eugene Public Library
Bascom Room
100 West 10th Avenue
Eugene

February 27, 2003 - 7:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Director Jerry Miller (Lane ESD), Chair	Director Alan Laisure (School District 52)
Councilor Dwight Coon (Junction City)	Commissioner Patrick Lanning (EWEB)
Councilor Bonnie Bettman (Eugene)	Mayor Ron Petitti (Creswell)
Commissioner Bill Dwyer (Lane County)	Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)
Councilor Marion Esty (Veneta)	Councilor John Woodrow (Springfield)
Commissioner Richard Eymann (EPUD)	Director Sandi Young (Siuslaw Public Li- brary)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Director Georgia Varozza (Fern Ridge Library District)
Director Greg James (Willamalane)	
Director Al King (School District 19)	

Absent

Mayor Alan Burns (Florence)	Councilor Rob Ward (Dunes City)
Mayor Mike Dean (Coburg)	Mayor Warren Weathers (Lowell)
Commissioner Anna Morrison (Lane County)	Commissioner Lynette Wikstrom-Smith (Port of Siuslaw)
Councilor Robert Petersdorf (Dunes City)	Director Dick Whitmore (Western Lane Ambulance District)
Director Chris Pryor (School District 4J)	Representative from School District 68
Director Dennis Shine (LCC)	
Mayor Diana Tonkin (Westfir)	

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Michelle Emmons, Juanita Eymann, Natalie Inouye, Brett White

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppel, Dan Hogue, Jamon Kent, Patti Little, Janet Minter, Ted Stevens, Tom Schwetz, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Members of the Board participated in a tour of the Eugene Library before the beginning of the meeting, led by Library Director of Services, Connie Bennett.

Chairperson Jerry Miller called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m.

LCOG staff Janet Minter called the roll of members. LCOG Executive Director George Kloepfel stated that a quorum was present.

2. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairperson Miller noted that the Consent Calendar contained approval of the Minutes of the January 23, 2003, meeting and approval of the Recommended Revisions to the OPI Portion of the Current Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services Budget.

Councilor Dwight Coon requested that Sentence 3 of Paragraph 7 on Page 5 of the minutes of the January 23 meeting be changed, as follows:

He said reconstruction of the City's main street by the Oregon Department of Transportation would be completed ~~by~~ *during* July.

Chairperson Miller determined there was no objection to the request and the minutes were amended.

Director Georgia Varozza requested that the minutes of the January 23 meeting reflect the presence of Fred Welding of the Fern Ridge Library Board as a guest.

Chairperson Miller determined that there was no objection to the request and the minutes were amended.

MOTION: *Mayor Don Hampton moved, seconded by Mayor Gary Williams, to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously, 16:0.*

COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Report of the Executive Committee” and commented on the information it contained regarding the Annual LCOG Appreciation Dinner and Goal-Setting.

Councilor Marion Esty noted that the Veneta City Council had expressed appreciation for the Annual Dinner.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Comments from the Executive Director.” He reviewed information it contained, as follows:

- The next Board meeting will be in Creswell on March 20.
- Seven cities were represented at the LCOG Public Officials’ Training Session.
- The Metropolitan Policy Committee had accepted responsibilities as a Transportation Management Area and amended its Bylaws to include the City of Coburg as a voting member for transportation purposes.
- Printed copies of the remarks of Russell Sadler at the Appreciation Dinner are available.
- The LCOG Senior Meals Program has been moved to the Viking Sal Senior Center in Junction City.
- “Streaming video” coverage of Board of County Commissioners meetings is available on the county’s Intranet site.
- The four-county Economic Development District Board of Directors will hold its annual meeting on March 11 in Albany.
- The Advocacy Committee of the LCOG Senior and Disabled Services Advisory Councils will host Legislative Dialogs with members of the Lane County delegation to the State Legislature March 15, April 19, and May 17.
- LCOG staff members Steve Gordon and Galen Howard are retiring and are to be commended for their combined 56 years of service.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Kloeppe reported that LCOG Small Business Loan Program Manager was recovering from surgery and would make a special presentation on the Economic Development Program at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

BUSINESS ITEMS

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

None.

10. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

None.

11. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

None.

MEMBER AGENCY AND ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

12. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Support Materials entitled “Advisory Council Reports.” He noted the reports were included in the Agenda Packet for each Board meeting. He invited members to provide feedback on their value.

13. REPORTS OF STATE AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

None.

14. REPORTS OF MEMBER AGENCIES

Director Sandi Young reported that Siuslaw Public Library continued to operate in fine fashion.

Commissioner Bill Dwyer reported that, when current State Budget revenue shortfalls reached \$300 million, there would be an impact on the availability of video lottery funds used by Lane County in its economic development programs. He said that on March 1 3,500 residents of Lane County would not receive prescribed psychotropic medication because of budget cuts. He said it was being predicted that the County Budget deficit for the next fiscal year would reach \$4.7 million.

Director Alan Laisure reported that the Bethel School District was continuing its study of high school enrollment patterns to determine whether a new school would need to be built. He said the district was facing serious budget deficits and that the search for a new Superintendent was being completed.

Councilor Coon reported that Junction City was also facing budget deficit issues and that hard decisions were being made. He said new water lines were being installed in the downtown area and that planning was beginning to determine what to do with the recent sewer system upgrade now that no State prison would be built in the area.

Director Al King reported that the Springfield School District was facing its budget deficit issues in better shape than others because of previous planning efforts. He said that the choice of a new Superintendent would be announced on February 28.

Director Richard Eymann reported that Emerald Peoples Utility District had added a woman to its Board of Directors. He said a portion of Linn County was provided electric service by the District and that notice had been received of an increase in Bonneville power rates.

Mayor Hampton introduced Brett White, Economic Development Director for Oakridge. He reported that the Regional Investment Board was anticipating a reduction in the resources from the Lottery that it used in its allocation programs.

Councilor John Woodrow reported that the March 10 meeting of the Springfield City Council would include a report on the “United Front” lobbying effort in Washington DC of area elected officials.

Councilor Bonnie Bettman reported that Dennis Taylor had accepted the offer of the Eugene City Council to be its next City Manager. She said she found him to be intelligent, energetic, and personable.

Mayor Williams said that there was nothing new to report from Cottage Grove.

Mayor Ron Petitti reported that the Creswell downtown development plan had been approved and would provide significant improvement to its streets. He said a School District local levy had been approved and that the Board of Education and teacher’s union had agreed on a wage reduction plan. He distributed copies of a brochure entitled “Dewey Decimal Days” publicizing the First Annual Creswell Book Festival on March 15.

Director Patrick Lanning reported that Eugene Water & Electric Board was facing challenges from Bonneville Power Administration rate increases. He said drilling of new wells for the backup water system was on schedule and would be completed in 2004.

Director Greg James reported that Willamalane was working on its Comprehensive Plan and was looking forward to completion of Phase II of the Rivers to the Ridges Regional Open Space Study. He said a new skate park would open by the end of March and the name of its senior cents was being changed.

Councilor Esty reported that new housing units continued to be built in Veneta. She said the City’s drinking water supply was becoming a concern. She said the first reading of an ordinance to establish a Youth Advisory Council had been completed and that the area Peer Court continued to be active.

Director Varozza reported that the Fern Ridge Library District Board of Directors was busy and active with developing scenarios to meet impending budget deficits. She said a Politi-

cal Action Committee had begun a campaign to place a local option levy on the next ballot. She said three positions on the board would be up for re-election in May and that the District's annual audit had been completed with an "excellent" rating.

Chairperson Miller reported that the Lane Education Service District had offered the position of Superintendent to Ron Hitchcock and that he would begin his work on July 1. He said agreements had been reached with all 16 school districts in Lane County for services. He said a \$1.4 million budget deficit was anticipated.

INFORMATION ITEMS

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

A. Community Safety Program

Staff member Byron Vanderpool reported on reductions in State resources administered by LCOG for Lane County public safety programs. He said budgets for juvenile, adult, and other services would be reduced by 30 percent in the last quarter of the fiscal year. He said programs and staff would be scaled back, including administrative and evaluation services provided by LCOG. He said efforts would be concentrated on mandated planning and that committee work would be reduced as much as possible. He said House Bill 5509 being considered by the Oregon Legislature could add \$227,000 back to the Community Corrections Act allocation of Lane County.

Mr. Vanderpool said Jamon Kent would end his temporary contract with LCOG for an evaluation of the Public Safety Coordinating Council March 31.

B. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Certification

LCOG staff Tom Schwetz referred to Agenda Support Material entitled "Upcoming MPO Certification Review." He reviewed information it contained about the Transportation Management Area certification process to be conducted in Lane County by representatives of the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration May 7-9.

16. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

A. Needs Assessment of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

LCOG staff Patti Little referred to Agenda Support Material entitled "2002 Lane County Needs Assessment of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities." She noted that an Executive Summary of the needs assessment required by Federal and State policy was attached to the material. She reviewed highlights of the assessment and reported that all of the findings were found on the World Wide Web at www.sdlane.org/info.html.

B. Legislative Priorities

LCOG staff Ted Stevens referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Strategies for Pursuing LCOG’s Legislative Priorities for Seniors and People with Disabilities.” He reported on Legislative Dialogs being sponsored with the Lane independent Living Alliance and reviewed pending legislation in the 2003 State Legislative Session related to the adopted priorities. He noted that the Legislative Priorities were attached to the support material.

17. ADMINISTRATION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

Downtown Eugene Incorporated Staff Michelle Emmons reported on planned expansion of the Downtown Eugene Ducks On Parade fund raising and community art project to involve all communities in Lane County. She said \$80,000 had been raised by the project in 2002. She said local charities and schools would benefit from the expansion.

Convention and Visitors Association of Lane County staff Natalie Inouye described the project and distributed information about its Sponsorship Program. She said jurisdictions would be contacted with further information.

Chairperson Miller reported that excerpts from recent issues of *The Torch* published by Lane Community College had been supplied by absent Board Member Dennis Shine and were available at the door.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

(Recorded by C Daniel Lindstrom)