

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Willamalane Park & Recreation District
Community Recreation Center
250 S. 32nd Street, Springfield

April 26, 2007 - 7:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Director Greg James (Willamalane) Vice-Chair	Director Al King (School District 19)
Mayor Phil Brubaker (Florence)	Director Alan Laisure (School District 52)
Director Sherry Duerst-Higgins (Lane ESD)	Councilor Joe Pishioneri (Springfield)
Director Eric Forrest (School Dist. 4j)	Councilor Chris Pryor (Eugene)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Director Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library)
Director Susie Johnston (LCC)	Mayor Diana Tonkin (Westfir)
Director Penny Jordan (EPUD)	Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)

Absent

EWEB Representative	Lane County Representative
Coburg Representative	Lane Library District Representative
Creswell Representative	Lane Transit District Representative
Dunes City Representative	Siuslaw Public Library Representative
Junction City Representative	Siuslaw Valley Fire District Representative
Lowell Representative	Port of Siuslaw Representative
Veneta Representative	Western Lane Ambulance Dist. Representative
School District 68 (McKenzie) Representative	

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Sonya Christian, Bob Keefer, George Russell

LCOG STAFF

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chairperson Greg James called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 7:08 p.m. and welcomed board members and staff to the Willamalane Community Recreation Center.

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

Superintendent Bob Keefer welcomed members of the Board to the new Willamalane sports complex and provided an overview of the Center's history, financing, and building details unique to the facility.

2. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson James referred to Agenda support material entitled "Report of the Executive Committee" and noted that it contained reports of the March 15 and April 12 meetings. Mr. James reminded board members of the upcoming biennial Executive Director performance review and emphasized the importance of participating in the online survey. Mr. James also acknowledged Mayor Williams' nomination to a second term on the NARC board; and recapped the results of the auditor selection process.

5. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda support material entitled "Advisory Council Reports" and noted that it contained reports of meetings of the Metropolitan Policy Committee, Disability Services Advisory Council, and Senior Services Advisory Council.

6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda support material entitled "Comments from the Executive Director." He reviewed information it contained about the Board meeting schedule, particularly that approval for a change in time, date, and venue for the September meeting will be sought later in the agenda. Mr. Kloepfel stated that the June meeting will be hosted by the City of Eugene with the special presentation focusing on regional transportation. Also noted were the public official training session, appointments to the budget committee, MPO certification review, and the student bus pass program.

Director Al King requested clarification regarding the Board's status with the Metropolitan Policy Committee stating that he was uncomfortable with the choice to not take further ac-

tion. Mr. Kloeppe responded that it was the will of the Executive Committee to not take action at this time. Kloeppe recapped the events which led to the decision and stated that certain members of the MPC were adamant about not adopting a dispute resolution procedure.

Director Steve Recca inquired as to whether the will of the Board had been regarded. Mr. Kloeppe stated that the Board can revisit the issue, but that the Executive Committee was acting on behalf of the Board. Chairperson James stated that the Executive Committee was asked to communicate with the members of MPC regarding a dispute resolution process and that attempts were made.

Director Recca asked whether a retraction of the original letter needed to be made.

LCOG Technology Services Director Byron Vanderpool reviewed the past year's events related to conflict resolution and reported that some of the original goals had not been fulfilled. Mr. Vanderpool stepped through the possibilities available for the Board.

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson James noted that the Consent Agenda included acceptance of the minutes of the February 22, 2007, Board meeting, and adoption of the FY 2007-08 Area Plan on Aging and Disability Services for Lane County.

Mayor Gary Williams moved, seconded by Mayor Don Hampton, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously, 14:0.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

9. PLANNING SERVICES

A. Appointment of Non-Metro City RIB Member

Mr. Kloeppe reviewed information contained in Agenda support material entitled "Appointment of Non-Metro-City RIB Member." Mr. Kloeppe asked that Board members cast their vote for either Mayor Don Hampton or Mayor Phil Brubaker. Ballots were collected and Mayor Brubaker received the RIB appointment.

10. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES

None.

11. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

A. FY 2006-07 Revised LCOG Budget, Resolution 2007-02

Mr. Kloeppe reviewed information contained in Agenda support material entitled “Revised FY 2006-2007 Budget.” He noted that Resolution 2007-02 was attached and that the topic had been reviewed by the Executive Committee. The Budget Committee, at its April meeting had recommended approval of the Revised Budget.

Mayor Williams moved, seconded by Councilor Joe Pishioneri, to adopt Resolution 2007-02, as recommended. The motion was adopted unanimously, 14:0.

B. Board Meeting Schedule – remaining 2007

Mr. Kloeppe stated that the City of Oakridge has offered to host the September meeting instead of the June meeting as originally scheduled. Mayor Hampton recommended moving the meeting to Saturday, September 22, as had been done in the past so that the Board could meet in the morning, have lunch, and tour the Oakridge area.

Mayor Brubaker moved, seconded by Mayor Williams, to move the September 2007 meeting to Saturday, September 22nd.

Discussion was held regarding a potential conflict with a U of O home football game. The motion was modified to include the caveat:

...unless a football game falls on Saturday, September 22nd.

Mayor Brubaker moved as modified, seconded by Mayor Williams. The motion was adopted unanimously, 14:0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12.A. Food Policy Council Presentation

Laurie Trieger and Don Hampton, Co-Chairs of the Lane County Food Policy Council, led Board members through a presentation on the Council’s efforts. Ms. Trieger gave an overview of the Council’s history, pointed out some of the weaknesses in the current food system in Lane County, and explained the Council’s vision to create a stronger local system.

Ms. Trieger explained that the Food Policy Council will look at the areas of jobs and business, Homeland Security, hunger, public health, natural resources, comprehensive food planning, and resource development as ways to achieve its goal to strengthen Lane County’s food system.

Mayor Hampton distributed a handout delineating the areas of common interest between LCOG members and the Lane County Food Policy Council along with ways members could get involved.

12.B. Third Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda support material entitled “Third Quarter Financial Report” and offered to answer any questions regarding its contents.

12.C. LCOG Open House – June 7th

Mr. Kloeppe announced that LCOG would be hosting its biennial Open House on June 7th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Wells Fargo Office Building. He stated that invitations to the event will be mailed in early May and encouraged Board members to attend and observe the current projects on which staff are working.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

13. THE IMPACT OF EDUCATION ON THE ECONOMY

Sonya Christian, Vice President for Instruction and Student Services at Lane Community College, made a presentation on the impact of higher education on the economy. Ms. Christian discussed the impacts from a local, national, and global perspective.

She stated that at the local level, community colleges provide a more accessible and less expensive option for students to earn an Associate Degree and transfer to a university; and for students to upgrade their employee skills through the business development center. Ms. Christian cited statistics highlighting the change in educational background required to gain employment. In 1973, 32 percent of employees held no high school diploma. In 2000, 50 percent were required to have at least some college coursework in order to get a job.

From the national perspective, Ms. Christian explained the disparity between Oregon and the rest of the country. Globally, she stated that India and China have made a commitment to invest in research and education in order to remain competitive and view it as positive return on their investment.

Ms. Christian stated that the impacts of education on economy can be summed up as follows: for every year of college, a student makes \$3,108 more per year; and the taxpayer enjoys a decrease in unemployment, a decrease in crime, and a healthier workforce.

George Russell, Superintendent of School District 4J, continued the discussion from a k-12 perspective. Mr. Russell presented trends in the demographic of the Oregon population stating that growth in metro areas is faster than in non-metro areas by 3:1. He stated that employment trends predict that there will be 3 times as many jobs in metro areas as in non-metro areas. Mr. Russell also showed the rate of growth by industry: health care being the fastest growing, and production among the slowest.

Mr. Russell cited Gary Marx as observing that in the 21st century, college must be an option for every high school graduate because being “college ready” increases future earnings. He identified communication skills as one of the most important areas to develop in order to work in a team environment, be computer literate, and become a civic- and community-minded individual.

Mr. Russell hoped that vocational education and the arts programs would return to k-12 system, and that college testing and assessment could be performed earlier in high school so modifications could be made to the student’s curriculum.

Members discussed the presentations and reflected on the proposed k-14/k-16/k-20 system proposals as well as the correlation between the amount of education and crime rates.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

(Recorded by Ann Mortenson)