

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

City of Florence – Florence Events Center
715 Quince Street - Florence

June 22, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove), Chair	Commissioner Anna Morrison (Lane County)
Mayor Phil Brubaker (Florence)	Councilor Gary Papé (Eugene)
Councilor Darrell Carman (Veneta)	Mayor Ron Petitti (Creswell)
Director Greg James (Willamalane)	Director Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library Dist)
Director Susie Johnston (LCC)	Commission John Simpson (EWEB)
Director Alan Laisure (School District 52)	Director Anette Spickard (School District 4J)

Absent

City of Coburg Representative	EPUD Representative
City of Dunes City Representative	Lane Library District Representative
City of Junction City Representative	Siuslaw Library District Representative
City of Lowell Representative	School District 52 (Bethel) Representative
City of Oakridge Representative	School District 68 (McKenzie) Representative
City of Springfield Representative	Lane Education Service District Representative
City of Westfir Representative	Western Ambulance District Representative
Port of Siuslaw Representative	

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Rodger Bennett, Dave Braley, Dianne Burch, Cheryl Hoile, Nola Xavier

LCOG STAFF

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chairperson Gary Williams called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed Commissioner John Simpson to his first meeting representing EWEB.

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

2. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Kloepfel requested that a draft letter to the Metropolitan Policy Committee, as recommended by the Executive Committee, be included for discussion under agenda item 9B. Chairman Williams approved the request.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Report of the Executive Committee” and “Report of the Executive Committee – Supplemental”. He noted that it had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting and contained information from Executive Committee meetings held May 18 and June 15.

5. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Kloepfel noted Agenda Support Material entitled “Advisory Council Reports.”

6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Comments from the Executive Director,” and expressed appreciation to the City of Florence for hosting the meeting.

Mr. Kloepfel reviewed other information found in his report – NARC Annual Conference, West Coast COG & West Coast Corridor Coalition Meetings, Eugene City Club Presentation on Region 2050, Services to Douglas County Jurisdictions, Centers for Disease Control Conference Presentation, Map Distribution Guidelines, Two Possible New Members, and OECDD Survey Response.

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Williams noted that acceptance of the Minutes of the April 27, 2006, meeting and approval of the FY 2006-07 Area Plan for Senior and Disabled Services Budget Amendment were included in the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Kloeppel noted that the Area Plan Amendment had been recommended for approval by the Senior Services Advisory Council and the Executive Committee.

Director Greg James moved, seconded by Director Anette Spickard, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES ITEMS

A. Economic Development Coordination

Commissioner Morrison reported that the subcommittee has finished a draft report regarding the purpose and effectiveness of the economic Development Standing Committee of the Board of County Commissioners, Lane Economic Committee of LCOG, and the Lane MetroPartnership, but suggested that discussion be deferred to the September meeting of the Board.

B. MPO Transportation Planning

LCOG Technology Services Director Byron Vanderpool reviewed current Metropolitan Planning Organization and Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) issues regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). Mr. Vanderpool reviewed how a continued delay of approval of the MTIP could put in jeopardy funding for all area transportation-related projects requiring federal funding or approval.

Mr. Vanderpool recommended that the Board, by motion:

1. Authorize the Executive Committee, with support from LCOG staff, to enter into discussions with the MPC should the MPC fail to develop a plan to prevent lapse of federal funding at its July 13 meeting, .
2. Direct the Executive Committee to bring the LCOG Board a recommendation at its September meeting on how to proceed; and,
3. Direct LCOG staff to develop any necessary resolutions for adoption by the Board, should the recommendation be to rescind MPO delegation to the MPC.

Mr. Vanderpool referred to Agenda Support Material entitled, "Supplemental Material for MPO Transportation Planning Report and Discussion". He noted that it had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting and included a draft letter to be sent to the MPC expressing the LCOG Board's concerns about the conduct of the MPC with respect to its delegated MPO responsibilities, and setting clear expectations for MPC's future actions.

Mr. Vanderpool stated that the letter has been reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee. He introduced another consideration in that the LCOG Board submit a paragraph addressing dispute resolution guidelines in the MPC bylaws.

Commissioner Morrison stated that the Rogue Valley Council of Governments by-laws could be used as an example for the dispute resolution phrasing.

Councilor Gary Pape suggested that the date at which LCOG entered into MPO responsibilities be included in the letter.

Commissioner Anna Morrison moved, seconded by Mayor Ron Petitti, to authorize the letter be forwarded to the MPC. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

Commissioner Anna Morrison moved, seconded by Mayor Ron Petitti, to authorize the Executive Committee to enter into discussions with the MPC should the MPC fail to develop a plan to prevent lapse of federal funding at its July 13 meeting, to direct the Executive Committee to bring the LCOG Board a recommendation at its September meeting on how to proceed; and, direct LCOG staff to develop any necessary resolutions for adoption by the Board, should the recommendation be to rescind MPO delegation to the MPC. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

10. SENIOR AND DISABLES SERVICES ITEMS

A. “An Analysis of Tax Expenditures in Oregon”

LCOG Director of Senior and Disabled Services Kay Metzger referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “An Analysis of Tax Expenditures in Oregon.” This item was presented on behalf of the Advocacy Committee of the Senior Services and Disability Services Advisory Councils. Ms. Metzger introduced the student literature review as a tool for advocacy and discussion purpose surrounding policies, programs and actions which affect seniors and persons with disabilities.

Ms. Metzger highlighted the criteria used to evaluate the individual tax expenditures and the paper’s subsequent findings noting that there are currently no sunset dates for these expenditures and that there is no scrutiny given before the expenditures are implemented.

Director Steve Recca commented that the paper failed to state what is the direct impact, positive or negative, if the expenditure is removed.

Director Anette Spickard noted that the expenditure listed covered a broad range of programs and that it would be difficult to address all of them at once.

Commissioner Morrison stated that removal of some of the tax expenditures may have a negative consequence on some constituents.

Ms. Metzger proposed that the list of 42 tax expenditures not be specified and that the proposed action of “recommend repealing” be deleted.

Deciding not to take a position on the issue of tax reform at this time, the Board advised the Advocacy Committee of the Senior Services and Disability Services Advisory Councils to address issues that are specifically focused on services to seniors and people with disabilities rather than general topics such as tax reform.

11. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

A. FY 2006-2007 Work Program and Budget

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “FY 2006-2007 Work Program and Budget – Resolution 2006-07.” He said the Work Program, Budget, and Resolution had been reviewed by the Budget Committee and recommended their adoption.

Chairman Williams opened a Public Hearing on the LCOG 2006-07 Work Program and Budget. He determined there was no one present wishing to provide testimony and closed the Public Hearing.

Councilor Papé moved, seconded by Director Spickard, to adopt Resolution 2006-007, adopting the FY 2006-07 Budget and approving implementation of the 2006-07 Work Program and Budget. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

Director James and Chairman Williams lauded the budget committee and Associate Director Bob Swank for their work on the document.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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A. Senior Services Advisory Committee Appointments

Ms. Metzger noted that the Executive Committee had reappointed two members of the Senior Services Advisory Council to second terms – Steve Skipton and Jane Boren; and had added two new members – Dennis Shine and Patricia Giles.

B. Collective Bargaining Report

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda Support Material entitled “Collective Bargaining Report” and invited questions regarding it. He expressed appreciation to the representatives of the Employees Association and management representatives for a healthy and successful bargaining process

C. July Goal-Setting Session

Mr. Kloepfel stated that details regarding the Session will be covered under the Special Presentation.

D. Bus Pass Program Description

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda Support Material entitled, “LTD Bus Pass Program” and invited questions regarding it.

E. S&DS Contracts for FY 2006-07

Ms. Metzger noted Agenda Support Material entitled, “Senior & Disabled Services Contracts for Services for 2006-07.

F. “Regional Trends” Publication

Mr. Vanderpool referred to Agenda Support Material entitled, “Regional Trends” distributed prior to the meeting. He stated that the publication is intended to be a hard-copy and website combination providing statistical information on a wide variety of topics. Mr. Vanderpool stated that the publication will be updated annually, with special quarterly editions available via the web.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

13. LCOG SERVICES – JULY BOARD PLANNING SESSION DESIGN

George Kloeppe provided an overview of the Lane Council of Governments’ value, organization, and purpose. He spoke to the organizational mission, the nature of the association, the roles of the Board and staff, and the reality of having many members, clients and stakeholders.

Mr. Kloeppe described LCOG’s work program as one where the work is done for, and on behalf of, our member local governments toward the objective of more efficient and effective public service and an enhanced quality of life in our region. He outlined the relationship of the members, the Board, the Executive Director and the staff and posed four issues for consideration at the July Board Planning Session:

1. Given our purpose and reach, the the membership right?
2. Is the division of responsibility between the Board, Executive Committee and Director appropriate?
3. Is the process used for deciding what to do and what not to do appropriate?
4. What kinds of services or issues need more regional attention?

Kay Metzger likened the Senior and Disabled Services division as a three-legged stool: one leg being the Older Americans Act, the second acting as a Type B-2 Transfer Agency (Medicaid), and the third serving as an advocate to seniors and disabled individuals. She

stated that the seat of the stool represents collaboration activities with community partners to improve and maximize services to seniors and people with disabilities. Examples of this collaboration include partnering with the two area hospitals, and participating on advisory councils of local human services organizations to collectively problem solve common issues. Ms. Metzger outlined future challenges for S&DS: funding – not only the lack thereof, but the way it fluctuates over time. Another challenge mentioned was the potential risk to the Oregon Model of Care, which has been a system based on valuing an individual's right to independence, dignity, and choice.

Byron Vanderpool described the efforts of the planning division as communications, collaboration and cooperation. He stated that LCOG promotes regional planning and visioning in its projects in order to avoid duplication of service and save money through economies of scale.

Mr. Vanderpool emphasized that LCOG planners bring to their projects information, neutrality, and technical expertise. He added that LCOG has a depth of staffing which allows flexibility and adaptability to meet the needs of our members.

Mr. Vanderpool identified three areas where improvement is needed: regional communication, government financing, and clarity of roles to establish trust.

Members discussed the presentations, asking questions and offering opinions about payment of services and marketing.

MEMBER AGENCY REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

(Recorded by Ann Mortenson)