

Agenda Item Number 5.

Report of the Executive Committee

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Meeting Notes:

The LCOG Executive Committee met on Thursday, September 18, in LCOG's Main Office—Wells Fargo Building, Eugene. Members present for the meeting were LCOG Board Chair Jerry Miller, Commissioner Anna Morrison, and Mayors Gary Williams and Warren Weathers. Staff members attending included Bob Swank, Ted Stevens, Byron Vanderpool, Jamon Kent and George Kloeppe. Kloeppe provided an overview of the items included on the agenda for the September 25 meeting of the LCOG Board of Directors. He particularly noted the "Special Presentation" from Commissioner Dwyer on the MPC's work over the past year as the MPO policy body (item 7) and the proposed grant application to the State DEQ for assistance in preparing implementation plans for meeting the "TMDL" standards for water quality in the Willamette basin (item 9.A). In addition, the Committee considered the following:

1. LCOG's Springfield Office Building

Bob Swank reported on the status of the now vacant space in the agency - owned office building on "A" Street in Springfield. He noted that the Oregon Department of Transportation continues to be a tenant in the east half of the building and that the western half is being marketed for rent by LCOG's property management firm. Several prospective tenants had been identified and were discussed by the Committee. It was noted that the space was being marketed with a four-year lease in mind, since LCOG expects to again require the space for its S&DS division when funding conditions improve.

2. Follow-up to July Goal-Setting Session

Kloeppel noted that the Committee’s recommendation on this subject would be considered by the Board under item 11.A. He called attention to his September 11 memo in which he had identified possible LCOG activities in support of goals in three areas: Operation of the policy body, promoting a stronger regional economy, and providing region-level support to education in Lane County. The Committee reviewed and discussed the seventeen possible action areas, which had emerged from the July Goal-Setting Session. There was agreement that some of the listed items were, in fact, ongoing activities—making the question more a matter of increased or decreased emphasis. The Committee’s overall conclusion and recommendation for the Board’s consideration is under separate cover. It was suggested that the seventeen actions be subjected to Board consideration over the next two months.

3. Appreciation Dinner

After some discussion, the Committee directed staff to pursue the arrangements for a January 15, 2004 Appreciation Dinner at Lane Community College. The Committee urged staff to modify the agenda/program to shorten the total length of the event. Kloeppel suggested that the environmental and economic development awards could be presented in alternate years, and that award recipients would be guided toward shorter thank you remarks. He indicated that the Governor would be invited to speak at the Dinner. It was suggested that, if a high profile primary speaker could not be secured, that portion of the traditional program might be dropped.

4. Possible Report from the Legislative Delegation

A suggestion had been made that LCOG consider sponsoring an event for all local officials in the region—city, county, school, special district—at which members of the county’s legislative delegation would be invited to comment on the immediate past Session and prospects/priorities for the future. It was noted that the COG’s Senior and Disabled Services Division and its advisory councils were sponsoring a “Legislative Wrap-up Event” on October 17 (see agenda item 16.B) and that the public interest associations were similarly staging public events with members of the Legislature. It was the

Committee's direction that LCOG not pursue a separate forum for the Lane County delegation this fall/winter. Kloepfel was asked to prepare a draft letter for the Chair's signature that would be sent to the delegation reiterating the invitation for them to attend and participate in Board meetings.

5. West Coast (Corridor) Transportation System Coalition

Byron Vanderpool reported on a coalition of civic, economic development and transportation interests from the communities along a north-south corridor on west coast from Mexico to Canada. Its purpose has been to build support for additional federal recognition of, and investment in, the infrastructure that supports trade, travel and tourism. The group had requested endorsements or resolutions of support from the regional councils and MPOs within the corridor. Copies of a draft resolution of support (structured for possible approval by the LCOG Board of Directors) were reviewed. Consideration of the issue was postponed by the Committee for action at the November meeting in order to allow members time for conversation with members of the congressional delegation.

6. Biennial Performance Review of Executive Director

To be addressed by the Board under agenda item 11.B, the Committee reviewed a September 11, memo from George Kloepfel by which he suggested seven goals for the biennium. Kloepfel indicated that the goals were drawn from the data received from the Committee's Performance Review, reported to the Board in May. After some discussion, the Committee endorsed the seven goals and requested that they be submitted to the full Board for confirmation. The Committee members discussed the issue of compensation for the Executive Director and concluded that they lacked sufficient information regarding the pay for comparable positions elsewhere to make an informed judgment. The Committee asked that the agency's HR manager conduct a compensation survey pertinent to the Executive Director's position. It was decided that no recommendation for compensation adjustment will be made to the Board at the September meeting. However, the Committee expected to revisit the subject at its November meeting and could offer a recommendation to the Board at its December 11 meeting.