

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

City of Cottage Grove
Community Center
700 East Gibbs – Cottage Grove, Oregon

July 22, 2004 - 7:00 P.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Director Jerry Miller (Lane ESD), Chair	Mayor Ron Petitti (Creswell)
Councilor Mike Beitz (Oakridge)	Commissioner Katherine Schacht (EPUD)
Councilor Phil Brubaker (Florence)	Director Dennis Shine (LCC)
Director Ron Hogeland (Siuslaw Public Library)	Mayor Diana Tonkin (Westfir)
Director Greg James (Willamalane)	Mayor Jim Torrey (Eugene)
Director Alan Laisure (School District 52)	Mayor Judy Volta (Coburg)
Commissioner Patrick Lanning (EWEB)	Mayor Warren Weathers (Lowell)
	Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)

Absent

Dunes City Representative	Fern Ridge Library District Representative
Lane County Representative	School District 4J (Eugene) Representative
Junction City Representative	School District 19 (Springfield) Representative
Springfield Representative	School District 68 (McKenzie) Representative
Veneta Representative	Port of Siuslaw Representative
Western Lane Ambulance District Representative	

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Michael Walker, Gordon Zimmerman

LCOG STAFF

George Kloeppe, Ashley DeForest, Jamon Kent, Kay Metzger, Ann Mortenson, Ted Stevens, Bob Swank, Byron Vanderpool

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chairperson Jerry Miller called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed Director Mike Beitze, Councilor Phil Brubaker, and Director Ron Hogeland to their first meeting.

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

Mayor Gary Williams welcomed the Board to Cottage Grove. He introduced the caterers who had served a meal preceding the meeting.

2. PLANNING SESSION

Chairperson Miller stated that the balance of the meeting was to be a Planning Session to identify topics for consideration at meetings of the Board of Directors for 2004-2005.

A. The Big Picture

Mr. Kloepfel reported that the Executive Committee had met before the meeting and discussed an opportunity for the LCOG Senior Meals and Senior Connection programs to affiliate with the United Way of Lane County. He said approval had been given to submit applications.

Mr. Kloepfel announced that all members were invited to attend the Western Council of Governments Conference to be held September 21-24 in San Diego.

Mr. Kloepfel referred to a packet of information about LCOG distributed at the beginning of the meeting. He said it could be a useful resource for newly appointed and experienced members of the Board.

Mr. Kloepfel announced the death of LCOG Senior Connection Florence Staff person, Sharon Porter.

Mr. Kloepfel referred to a document entitled "Big Picture of LCOG" distributed at the beginning of the meeting and reviewed information it contained about the purpose and function of LCOG. He discussed a new design for policy-making and the realignment of Board of Executive Committee responsibilities established in 2004.

Mr. Kloepfel referred to a document entitled "LCOG Board of Directors Schedule of Recurring Events" and reviewed agenda items anticipated for 2004-2005 Board meetings it contained.

B. Issues Identification

Mr. Kloepfel reviewed guidelines for "issues with regional significance and hot issues on the horizon" to be considered by the Board and was adopted in 2003, as follows:

- Public policy topics that have impacts upon multiple jurisdictions within the LCOG region.

- Public policy topics that have impacts upon multiple types of LCOG member governments – e.g. schools, cities, county.

LCOG Local Government Services Director Byron Vanderpool led members in a discussion that identified topics for consideration at meetings, as follows:

1. Senior Services (*Tonkin*)
2. Telecommunications Tax (*Beitz*)
3. Criminal justice – Jail Space (*James*)
4. Education (*Laisure*)
5. Wastewater Projects (*Volta*)
6. Power Plant – Outside Coburg Area (*Schacht*)
7. Arts and Community Festivals (*Lanning*)
8. Interagency Funding and Coordination for Community Problems and Events (*Miller*)
9. Stable Funding for Highway Infrastructure (*Williams*)
10. Utility Services – Water/Wastewater Projects (*Petitti*)
11. Best Practices Regarding Intergovernmental Cooperation to Promote Efficiencies – Fire Districts, Cities, School Districts (*Weathers*)
12. Rural Law Enforcement – Incident Response, Anti-Meth Squads (*Brubaker*)
13. Workforce Development – Nexus of Economy and Education (*Shine*)
14. Freight Route Designation and Its Land Use Impact (*Torrey*)
15. Housing Rehab (*Tonkin*)
16. District Attorney/Prosecution Issues (*Beitz*)
17. Childhood Obesity (*James*)
18. Transportation Planning (*Laisure*)
19. Exploring Development of Countywide Library System (*Volta*)
20. Small City Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Planning To Address Growth (*Schacht*)
21. Regional Economic Development (*Lanning*)
22. Stronger United Front Lobbying with State legislature on County and State Issues (*Miller*)
23. Lessen Impacts of Unfunded State/Federal Mandates on Local Government (*Williams*)
24. Community Policing (*Petitti*)
25. Declining Enrollments in Rural School Districts (*Weathers*)
26. Management of Timber Harvest Limitations on Federal Lands (*Brubaker*)
27. LCOG Executive Committee Advocacy with Local and State officials to Impact Financial Aid for Students (*Shine*)
28. Impact of Urban Growth Boundary Expansion and Annexation on LCOG's Area of Influence (*Torrey and Brubaker*)
29. Impacts of Restrictions on Recreation in Federal Lands (*Tonkin*)
30. Initiative 36 Impact (*Beitz*)
31. Early Regional Dialog on Capital Funding Projects Under Consideration (*James*)

32. Identify and provide for Representation from State Legislatures at Board Meetings for Reports and Questions (*Laisure*)
33. Technical Assistance for Small Cities and Best Practices for Personnel Management and Budgeting (*Volta*)
34. Policy Planning, Development, and Protection for Greenbelt Areas (*Schacht*)
35. Improvement of Traffic Accident Response on Interstate 5 and Other Major Highways (*Williams*)
36. Document Resource Sharing Between Communities (Development Codes, Employee Handbook, etc.) (*Petitti*)
37. Storm Water Control Projects (*Brubaker*)
38. Cost/Benefit Analyses of Local Concerns for Advocacy Purposes (*Shine*)
39. Education/Library Nexus (*Shine*)
40. Strengthening Local Control – e.g. Schools (*Zimmerman*)
41. Financial Support for Schools from Communities (*Laisure*)
42. Improve Marketing/Image of LCOG to the Community (*Volta*)
43. Local Control on Siting Decisions – e.g. Energy Production Facilities (*Schacht*)
44. Regional Power Planning (*Lanning*)
45. Federal Reimbursements for Homeland Security Requirements of Local Governments (*Williams*)
46. Roll of Community Colleges in Economic Development (*Shine*)
47. Repeal Ballot Measure 5 Rate Caps (*Zimmerman*)
48. Local Control of Everything (*Miller*)

C. Issues Prioritization and Scheduling

Mr. Vanderpool led members in a discussion that categorized the topics for consideration, as follows:

A. Local Control:

Numbers 2, 6, 7, 23, 29, 30, 43, 44, 45, 48

B. Sharing Best Practices

Numbers 11, 19, 33, 36

C. Public Infrastructure

Numbers 5, 10, 14, 18, 20, 31, 37

D. Fiscal

Numbers 2, 9, 26, 30, 41, 47

E. Public Safety

Numbers 3, 12, 16, 24, 35

F. Education/Lifelong Learning

Numbers 4, 41, 46

G. Intergovernmental Cooperation

Numbers 21, 31

H. Social Services

Numbers 1, 7, 15, 17

I. Regional Economic Development

Numbers 21, 29, 46

J. Uncategorized

Numbers 8, 13, 22, 25, 27, 28, 32, 34, 38, 39, 40, 42, 45

Mr. Vanderpool led members in a discussion that prioritized, and scheduled topics for consideration, as follows:

1. Lifelong Learning/Education – 17 Dots – April 2005
2. Public Safety – 16 Dots – Unassigned
3. Infrastructure – 12 Dots – February 2005
4. Regional Economic Development – 10 Dots – June 2005
5. Local Control – 8 Dots – December 2004
6. Intergovernmental Cooperation – 6 Dots – Unassigned
7. Sharing Best Practices – 2 Dots – Unassigned
7. Social Services – 2 Dots – Unassigned
7. Fiscal – 2 Dots – Unassigned

Chairperson Miller expressed appreciation for member participation in the discussion.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)