

Agenda Item Number 6

Information from the Executive Director

Presenter: George Kloeppe

Action Recommended: None. Information Only

Background:

1. Board Meeting Schedule

Let me extend a huge *Thank You* to the City of Oakridge and to Commissioner Hampton for hosting this month's unique meeting of the LCOG Board. Remember, as provided in our Bylaws, the November and December Board meetings will be combined on the second Thursday in December; and we will meet on December 11 in the Council Chambers in City Hall in Junction City.

Attached is a schedule for the Board meetings in 2004. We are hoping that the first few months will be quickly filled in by jurisdictions that are willing to host us this winter. Please indicate your wishes in this regard to either Janet or myself.

2. Oregon Planning Institute

Once again, LCOG served as the lead sponsor for the Oregon Planning Institute (OPI). The annual three-day event was held October 1-3 on the U of O campus. Our co-sponsors were the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association and the University's Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management. Attendees included academicians and practitioners in planning from throughout the state. This year's OPI attracted 328 registered participants, and sessions spanned a broad range of topics directly related to the work of professional planners and planning commissioners in Oregon.

3. Eugene Commute Challenge

Each year, the City of Eugene sponsors a “Challenge” to businesses in the city to encourage employees to use modes of getting to work other than (my personal favorite) driving alone. I am pleased to announce that for 2003 LCOG was honored as the Public Sector Commute Award recipient—with 30 percent of staff finding alternative means of getting to their jobs on the appointed day.

4. “Neighbors in Action” Volunteer Conference

The United Way-sponsored Neighbors in Action conference was held on October 10 in Eugene. LCOG’s S&DS division participated in both planning and execution of this community-wide event. Five S&DS programs had tables and actively solicited volunteers: Senior Connections (formerly Outreach), Family Caregiver Support, ElderHelp, Retired Response Technical Team (retired financial experts assisting in the investigation of financial abuse complaints), and Meals on Wheels. Public response to the conference as a whole, as well as to our presence, was very positive. LCOG’s programs garnered 25 “sign-ups” of people interested in serving in volunteer capacities, and the Red Cross portion of the Meals on Wheels program obtained another 4 sign-ups.

5. ORCA Meeting in Eugene, December 5

A reminder: The Oregon Regional Councils Association (ORCA) will hold a mid-day meeting at the LCOG office on Friday, December 5. The Association, chaired by Jacksonville, Oregon Mayor Jim Lewis, will have an opportunity to interact with Governor Kulongoski’s Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Ray Naff. The COGs in the state, plus METRO, are being encouraged to have at least two policy-level representatives. Jerry Miller, Dennis Shine and, tentatively, Gary Williams have already volunteered to represent LCOG. And additional members of our Board, who could be available for a 11:00 to 2:00 meeting, are urged to make their availability known to Jerry or myself.

6. Nominations Sought for Annual Awards

The formal solicitation for nominations for this year’s *Outstanding* awards went out this week (see <http://www.lcog.org/>). LCOG’s Appreciation

Dinner will be held at LCC on Thursday, January 15; and traditional awards for outstanding contributions to the betterment of the region by an elected official, a citizen, a public employee, and an intergovernmental team will be presented. Nominations will be considered by the screening committee immediately following the December 1 deadline. Please consider the active citizens, high-performance public employees, effective intergovernmental teams and the dedicated elected officials with whom you are familiar and submit nominations for one or all of the awards to me by the deadline.

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JANUARY **22**

FEBRUARY **26**

MARCH **18***

APRIL **22**

MAY **27**

JUNE **24**

JULY **22**

AUGUST No meeting is scheduled.

SEPTEMBER **23**

OCTOBER **28**

NOVEMBER No meeting is scheduled.

DECEMBER **9**

* One week early due to Spring Break