

MINUTES
LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Greenwaters Park – City of Oakridge
48362 Highway 58, Oakridge

September 22, 2007 - 10:00 A.M.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Commissioner Patrick Lanning (EWEB), Chair	Commissioner Faye Stewart (Lane County)
Councilor Darrell Carman (Veneta)	Mayor Diana Tonkin (Westfir)
Mayor Don Hampton (Oakridge)	Mayor Judy Volta (Coburg)
Director Greg James (Willamalane)	Mayor Warren Weathers (Lowell)
Mayor Ron Petitti (Creswell)	Mayor Gary Williams (Cottage Grove)
Councilor Chris Pryor (Eugene)	

Absent

City of Dunes City Representative	Lane ESD Representative
City of Florence Representative	EPUD Representative
City of Junction City Representative	Lane Community College Representative
City of Springfield Representative	Port of Siuslaw Representative
School District 4J (Eugene) Representative	Fern Ridge Library District Representative
School District 19 (Springfield) Representative	Lane Library District Representative
School District 52 (Bethel) Representative	Siuslaw Valley Fire District Representative
School District 68 (McKenzie) Representative	Western Ambulance District Representative

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Director Mike Dubick (LTD)

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

GUESTS

Corrine Cheron, Double Trouble Espresso Representative, Glenn Fortune, Judy Hampton, Mark Metzger, Chuck Spies, Tom Schwetz, Gordon Zimmerman

LCOG STAFF

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chairperson Patrick Lanning called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 10:10 a.m.

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

Mayor Don Hampton welcomed members to the City of Oakridge, the Center of Oregon Recreation. He distributed copies of City and area maps and a discount coupon for purchases at the Double Trouble Espresso in Oakridge. He invited all who were present to remain after the meeting for a barbecue lunch featuring foods from local area growers and service providers.

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 Lanning referred to Agenda support material reporting on meetings of the Executive Committee held on July 16 and September 13 and noted that they contained background material for a recommendation to purchase property to be considered later in the meeting.

5. ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda support material entitled “Advisory Council Reports.” He noted that it contained information about meetings of the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC), Disability Services Advisory Council, Senior Services Advisory Council, and the Lane Economic Committee.

Mr. Kloeppe noted that the committees and councils did the work of the Board and, except for the MPC, were appointed by it.

6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda support material entitled “Comments from the Executive Director” and reviewed information it contained the schedule of Board meetings, US Department of Transportation certification of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, estab-

lishing contracts with Creswell to provide City Administrator services and the Oregon Department of Education to conduct fact finding regarding the future of the Canyonville School District, and the success of the LCOG facilitated 2007 Oregon Planning Institute.

BUSINESS ITEMS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Lanning noted that the Consent Agenda included acceptance of the minutes of the June 28, 2007, meeting of the Board.

Chairperson Lanning reported that it had been requested to correct Paragraph 8 on Page 4 of the minutes, as follows:

Councilor Pryor moved, seconded by Director Alan Laisure, to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to pursue refinancing of the ~~Schaefer's~~ Springfield Building. The motion was adopted unanimously, 13:0.

Chairperson Lanning determined there was no objection to the request and the minutes were amended.

Councilor Chris Pryor moved, seconded by Mayor Gary Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None.

9. PLANNING SERVICES ITEMS

A. Coordinated Population Forecasts

Mr. Kloeppe stated that LCOG had coordinated Urban Growth Boundary population projections within Lane County since 1974, as required by the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis. He explained that the most recent forecasts were adopted in February 2005 and that, in spring 2007, four cities had requested that they be recalculated, using two additional years of population estimates that had become available.

Mr. Kloeppe described the work of LCOG staff with cities in the County to develop projections that been accepted or not been questioned when they were asked to approve them. He explained that the forecast for the Eugene/Springfield Metro Area would likely be changed within the next two years because of new legislation which required that they be provided with individual projections.

LCOG Associate Director Bob Swank referred to a document entitled "Population Forecasts for Urban Growth Boundary Areas in Lane County – July 2007." He reviewed methodologies used to develop the estimates. He explained that a notice had been published that a Public Hearing would be held at the current meeting regarding Resolution 2007-04 that would adopt the population projections and authorize their submission to the State.

Mr. Swank reported that the Lane Board of County Commissioners had received testimony at its September 12 meeting requesting that the LCOG Board postpone approval of the population projections until further information was available.

Commissioner Faye Stewart stated that the Board of County Commissioners had taken the action in response to citizen testimony that they would have difficulty participating in a public hearing held in Oakridge.

Mayor Williams reported that the Executive Committee had discussed the matter and recommended that the Public Hearing be held as scheduled, that the record of the hearing be kept open until a later time, and that a decision on the proposed Resolution be made at the December Board Meeting.

Mr. Kloepfel explained that it would be possible for a hearing to be held at the current meeting and then continued until the December meeting when a decision could be made based on new information received. He said LCOG staff would collate any comments made in the interim for consideration by the Board.

Mayor Weathers suggested that there was a difference of opinion regarding the proposed plan of action. He suggested that adopting the population projections should be considered a land use action which had more strict requirements for meeting and decision notices. Mr. Kloepfel replied that there would be compliance with all such requirements to avoid giving grounds for them to be challenged.

Councilor Darrell Carman stated that postponing adoption of the revised population projections could create difficulties for the City of Veneta, which had asked for recognition of its accelerated growth to facilitate accessing resources only available if the changed condition was recognized.

Mayor Weathers stated that there were City of Lowell citizens who believed adequate provision for public comment had not been given.

Mayor Judy Volta suggested that too great importance was being placed on the population projection numbers. She said it was her impression that they were used in planning efforts, but had little significant consequence.

Mayor Weathers said he believed Lowell citizens who had testified before the Board of County Commissioners about the projections likely represented special interests.

Chairperson Lanning opened the Public Hearing.

Chuck Spies, Lowell City Administrator, no address provided, read a letter in which he stated that it was his understanding that the City of Lowell was the only jurisdiction of the four that had requested reconsideration of the population forecasts that wanted to change its revised estimate. He said it had done so because it would likely experience more growth than was allocated, creating a shortfall of resources to provide appropriate infrastructure. He explained that the City Council had received input regarding the revised projections from property owners who had also testified before the Board of County Commissioners. He recommended that a second public hearing be scheduled that would meet all land use criteria.

Corrine Cheron, 247 Commercial Street, Salem, stated that she represented the Seneca-Jones Timber Company and was experienced with Oregon land use regulations. She said the Company supported the request of Lowell to be assigned a higher population forecast number. She explained that the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based many of its decisions on the forecasts and it was important to provide for the widest possible opportunity for public input, to follow its expectations for public notice, and to follow State Land Use Goals 1 and 2. She said she joined in the request for holding open the record of the hearing and making a decision on the Resolution at a future meeting of the Board.

Chairperson Lanning determined that there were no additional persons present wishing to provide testimony.

Chairperson Lanning suggested that there was no evident opposition to continuing the public hearing until the December Board meeting.

Mr. Kloepfel assured members that all LUBA requirements would be met in giving the public notice and conducting the meeting.

Mayor Weathers suggested that the Executive Committee be authorized to determine when submissions to the written record of the hearing would be closed. Mr. Kloepfel said delegation to make such a decision was authorized in the charge already given to the Committee.

Commissioner Stewart suggested that the continued public hearing be held in the City of Eugene and that the cities which had requested changes in their population forecasts be invited to testify.

Director Greg James suggested that the public hearing be held at a meeting of the Executive Committee. Mr. Kloepfel replied that such a procedure would not likely be appropriate because the entire Board would be required to approve the Resolution.

Councilor Carman said that short of receiving extremely unusual written testimony, he thought it would be appropriate to have all testimony be received at the December Board meeting when a decision was made. Mr. Kloepfel said such an arrangement could be appropriate, unless new information was presented in written submissions before the meeting.

Director Mike Dubick suggested that agreeing to continue the hearing and decision to the December meeting did not prevent its further continuance, if needed.

Commissioner Stewart moved, seconded by Mayor Weathers, to continue the Public Hearing on Regional Population Forecast and their implementing Resolution until the December 13, 2007, meeting of the Board; and to receive written testimony until that time. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

B. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Mr. Kloepfel referred to Agenda support material entitled "Adoption of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy/Regional Investment Strategy." He noted that a 2007 Update of the strategies were attached. He explained that Board approval of it

was required by the Cascades West Economic Development District and federal Economic Development Administration. He said staff recommended its adoption.

Mayor Williams moved, seconded by Mayor Weathers to approve the 2007 Update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Regional Investment Strategy. The motion was adopted unanimously.

10. SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES ITEMS

None.

11. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

A. Real Estate Purchase

Mr. Swank referred to Agenda support material entitled “Real Estate Purchase” and reviewed background information it provided about LCOG purchase of the Park Place Building, formerly known as the Aster Building. He noted that Resolution 2007-05 was attached.

Mr. Swank projected pictures of the facility, identified its location, and discussed the use of its space and financial details of its purchase and operation.

Members discussed the proposed purchase.

Director James moved, seconded by Councilor Carman, to adopt Resolution 2007-05, AUTHORIZING LCOG MANAGEMENT TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE ON AN OFFICE BUILDING IN EUGENE, OREGON. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12A. Senior and Disabled Services Budget and Legislative Session Outcomes

Senior and Disabled Services Director Kay Metzger referred to Agenda support material entitled “S&DS’ Legislative Priorities for 2007 – End of Session Status Report and Budget Update” and reviewed background information it contained. She also reviewed the status of legislation submitted to the Oregon 2007 Legislative Session that was supported by priorities that had been previously adopted:

- Create a culture that supports consumer needs and input within the Department of Human Services
- Expand funding for Older American Act type programs
- Protect the core values of the Oregon model of long term care
- Support equitable funding for Area Agencies on Aging and Disability Services

12B. Lane Mayors and Board of County Commissioners Chair Meeting

Mr. Kloeppe reported that LCOG had arranged a dinner meeting between University of Colorado Professor Patty Limerick and the chief elected officials and administrators of the Metro Cities and Lane County when she had presented the keynote address at the Oregon Planning Institute in September. He said it provided an opportunity do discuss common issues.

Mr. Kloeppe reported that, on the direction of the Board, LCOG had scheduled a similar meeting of the Board of Commissioners Chair and the mayors of all cities in Lane County on October 25. Mayor Williams added that a majority of those who had been invited had already responded that they would attend and that the intention of the meeting would be to discuss “non-flare up” issues.

12C. Executive Director Performance Review – Goals

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda support material entitled “Executive Director Performance Review – Goals” and explained that the Executive Committee had determined to concentrate evaluation of the outcomes of his work during the next biennium in the areas of communication, visibility, and vision. He commented ten measurable goals he had identified in managing the organization, setting the tone, and communication.

12D. Appreciation Dinner

Mr. Kloeppe reported that the Executive Committee had agreed to hold the 2008 LCOG Appreciation Dinner on January 24 at Lane Community College, where it would be catered by its Culinary Arts Department. He said the solicitation for outstanding award nominees would be sent soon. He encouraged members to make nominations of persons to receive awards presented at the program.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

13. Regional Issues

Mr. Kloeppe referred to Agenda support material entitled “Regional Issues” and noted that discussion was encouraged to identify areas of special opportunity for LCOG work and to serve as a prelude to an expanded discussion of the topic at the February Board meeting.

Members responded, as follows:

- State and Federal Legislative Issues (*Volta*)
- Multi-Jurisdictional Issues such as the forest legacy of Lane County (*James*)
- Educational Issues (*Carman*)
- Walkable Communities (*Petitti*)

- Transportation Financing (*Pryor*)
- Transportation for Seniors and Disabled Persons (*Dubick*)
- Developing Cooperation/Interaction Between Layers of Government (*Volta*)
- Quantifying the Cost of Conflicts between Public Agencies (*Kloeppel*)
- Regional Transportation Issues (*James*)
- Regional Water Supply Issues (*Carman*)
- Coordination of Legislative Concerns (*Williams*)

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)