

MINUTES

Lane Economic Committee

Lane Council of Governments – 4th Floor Large Conference Room
99 E. Broadway, Suite 400 – Eugene

June 21, 2004 – 11:30 A.M.

PRESENT: John Tamulonis, Chair; Tim Black, Mike Blommé, Anna Morrison, Jim Ramseyer, Rob Scoggin, Charles Spencer, John Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Mitch Wilkinson, Lynnette Wikstrom, members; Philip Hudspeth, Deb Schmidt, Kari Westlund, *ex officio* members; Randy Derrick, Mike Galvin, Joshua Greene, Robin Onaclea, Howard Schesser, alternate members.

Steve Dignam (LCOG); Peter Thurston (Lane County); Mim Swartz, (Oregon Economic & Community Development Department).

ABSENT: DeAnn Cherbas, Chuck Forster, Glenda Poling, Hal Reed, members; Jay Bozievich.

GUESTS: Wendy Foster, Chris Nystrom, Natalie Whitson.

Mr. Tamulonis called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments' (LCOG) Lane Economic Committee (LEC) to order at 11:35 a.m. He invited those who were present to introduce themselves.

1. Public Comment

Charles Spencer referred to 2004 Needs and Issues Inventory Project 5813, Strategies for Community Benefit in Siuslaw Basin Restoration. He explained that the University of Oregon had originally submitted the project for ranking, but that as it was further developed, the Siuslaw Watershed Council and Ecosystem Workforce Program had joined as co-sponsors. He described the project goal of development of new economic opportunities utilizing small diameter wood and under-utilized species in the Siuslaw Basin. He said it would (1) conduct outreach and networking among mills and logging companies to develop an effective marketing system, and (2) analyze potential value-added wood products business opportunities.

Mr. Spencer distributed copies of a revised project proposal summary and urged members to continue ranking it as a Community Readiness Project. He described how the project met Lane County planning criteria, emphasized small business opportunities, and stimulating economic development in a targeted area.

Members asked questions about and discussed the proposal.

Chris Nystrom expressed appreciation for a previously approved LEC endorsement of an application for an Oregon Video Lottery grant submitted by the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce. She said the grant had been approved and the project had received a national award for effectiveness and presented a copy of the commendation to Mr. Tamulonis.

Natalie Whitson stated that she represented the Northwest Youth Corps and explained that it had submitted a 2004 Needs and Issues Inventory Community Facilities project proposal for health and safety campus upgrades. She said the application had been submitted on March 25, but had not been included among projects considered by the LEC Subcommittee.

Mr. Dignam stated that the project application had been returned from initial analysis by the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department (OECDD) after the May 1 submission deadline established by Lane County.

Members asked questions about and discussed the proposal.

2. Comments from the Chair and Staff

Mr. Tamulonis said the agenda provided adequate time for action on 2004 Needs and Issues Inventory ranking recommendations, if members were not distracted by extraneous considerations.

Mr. Dignam described the Loan Administration Committee established to oversee the various LCOG loan programs. He explained that one of its eight members, Ron Irvine, had announced that he would resign in August, before completing his four-year term. He said Cottage Grove Siuslaw Bank Branch Manager Robert Bell had been recommended to complete the term.

Mr. Schesser described additional community affiliations and qualifications of Mr. Bell.

There was a consensus that Robert Ball should be recommended to the LCOG Board for appointment to the LAC seat.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Galvin requested that he be noted as present in the minutes of the May 17 LEC meeting.

It was noted that the date of the meeting in the footnotes of the minutes was incorrect.

Mr. Tamulonis determined there was consensus to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2004, LEC meeting, as corrected.

4. Needs and Issues Project Rankings

Mr. Dignam reviewed the process used to develop ranking recommendations for the 2004 Needs and Issues Inventory by the subcommittee appointed by the LEC. He said Mr. Greene, Mr. Scoggin, Mr. Spencer, Mr. John Sullivan, Mr. Tamulonis, and Ms. Wikstrom had served on the subcommittee.

Mr. Dignam said 180 project proposals had been submitted and that it had been previously agreed that only five proposals from any agency would be considered for ranking, although there was no limit on the number that could be submitted. He said criteria used in establishing rank priorities were project readiness, leverage/matching funds available, job and economic impact, and local community priority.

Infrastructure Projects

Mr. Tamulonis referred to a document entitled “2004 Needs and Issues Inventory - Countywide Priority List for Infrastructure Projects” distributed with the agenda of the meeting. He noted that 20 projects had been recommended for ranking, twice the number in other categories because of the large number submitted. He said scores derived from the criteria were only considered for the ranked projects and that the remainder was not listed in priority order. He invited members to discuss recommendations of the subcommittee, as follows:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>ID #</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total Score</i>
1	6451	City of Coburg	Wastewater Project	\$4,000,000	13
2	371	City of Junction City	Commercial/Industrial Lands Study - Phase #1	\$22,500	12
3	6386	City of Springfield	Franklin Blvd. Urban Transportation Standards	\$10,050,000	12
4	344	Port of Siuslaw	Maple St. Landing and Transient Dock Rehabilitation	\$547,500	12
5	5864	City of Eugene	Courthouse District Transportation Improvements	\$6,000,000	12
6	5823	City of Oakridge	Highway 58 Improvement - Construction	\$3,000,000	12
7	5833	City of Creswell	Water Facilities Upgrade	\$9,050,000	12
8	5825	City of Cottage Grove	Water Treatment Plan Upgrade	\$6,470,000	12
9	402	City of Veneta	Stormwater Drainage Improvements	\$500,000	12
10	6284	City of Westfir	Wastewater Facilities Plan Update	\$12,000	12
11	368	City of Junction City	Industrial Corridor	\$19,503,000	12
12	375	Port of Siuslaw	Marina Dredging	\$170,000	12
13	5182	City of Veneta	Cornerstone Dr. & Loten Wy. Construction	\$640,000	12
14	1961	City of Florence	Stormwater System Repairs in Historic Areas	\$400,000	12
15	6268	City of Lowell	Replace Pioneer St. Water/Sewer Lines	\$233,000	11
16	4418	Lane County	Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Microwave Network	\$20,098,382	11
17	6450	City of Coburg	Coburg/I-5 Interchange Improvements	\$10,000,000	11
18	6407	City of Eugene	Airport Parallel Runway	\$8,263,000	11
19	6411	City of Eugene	EWEB Riverfront Redevelopment	\$11,800,000	11
20	398	City of Springfield	Industrial Land Infrastructure	\$4,100,000	11
NA	6448	City of Coburg	Water System Improvements	\$1,000,000	11
NA	387	City of Oakridge	Water System Capital Improvement Plan	\$590,000	
NA	6387	City of Springfield	42nd St. Urban Transportation Standards	\$3,700,000	
NA	342	City of Cottage	Elimination of Stormwater I & I	\$123,750	

		Grove	Problems		
NA	3593	City of Lowell	Community Access to Broadband Telecommunications	\$55,000	
NA	411	Port of Siuslaw	Develop Industrial Park	\$1,194,000	
NA	369	City of Junction City	18th Ave. Sewer	\$200,000	
NA	3378	Dexter Sanitary District	Infiltration-Inflow Correction	\$659,000	
NA	1992	City of Veneta	Fiber Optics Project	\$265,000	
NA	5817	City of Westfir	CIP, SDC Methodology and Rate Study	\$15,000	
NA	332	Blue River CDC	Blue River/Forest Glen Community Transportation Improvements	\$200,000	
NA	6338	City of Creswell	Nieblock Interceptor	\$1,500,000	
NA	6269	City of Lowell	Water Treatment Facility Upgrade	\$380,000	
NA	4421	City of Cottage Grove	10th St. Stormwater Line Upgrade	\$1,558,850	
NA	1967	City of Florence	Sewer Force Main Replacement - Rhododendron Dr. - Phase 1	\$300,000	
NA	3559	South 79th St. Water Assoc.	Water System Improvements	\$700,000	
NA	3838	City of Eugene	Delta Ponds Enhancement	\$2,884,000	
NA	6271	City of Lowell	Extend Water and Sewer Lines	\$330,000	
NA	6305	City of Florence	Bike/Pedestrian Lanes Rhododendron Dr. – Phase 1	\$60,000	
NA	6343	City of Creswell	Light Fiber		
NA	6270	City of Lowell	Construct upper Level Reservoir	\$780,000	
NA	1972	City of Junction City	Vista Dale Estates Infrastructure	\$600,000	
NA	3726	Fiber South Consortium	Bring Broadband Digital Telecommunications to all of Oregon		
NA	417	Blue River Water District	Water System Improvements Master Plan	\$941,000	

Mr. John Sullivan said, as a member of the subcommittee, the ranked projects about which he had had concerns were:

City of Springfield Franklin Blvd urban Transportation Standards Project

He removed his opposition when he learned of the importance of getting the area ready for development.

City of Eugene Courthouse District Transportation Improvements Project

He continued to question the high cost of the project

Ms. Morrison said she was concerned about the readiness of the *City of Coburg* to proceed with its *Wastewater Project*. She said she had been informed that a final decision had not been made about whether to attach the system to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Facility. Mr. Hudspeth replied that the Coburg Public Works Director had reported that plans for construction of a Coburg Treatment Facility were nearly complete and construction would begin in the fall. Mr. Spencer stated that members of the subcommittee were unable to gain perfect knowledge of this and other projects because of the large number of projects submitted.

Ms. Morrison asked for an explanation of the *City of Coburg Highway 58 Construction Project*. Members of the subcommittee responded.

Mr. Mike Sullivan stated that the *City of Eugene Courthouse District Transportation Improvements* and *EWEB Riverfront Development projects* would be affected by new proposals for construction of a community hospital in the area. He said it was likely that site-specific plans would be created quickly if a decision were made to go forward with the newly conceived project. He said it would be helpful to have the projects ranked as high as possible.

Ms. Schwartz stated that the importance of a high ranking for a project was determined by funding sources. She said Community Development Block Grant funded projects were required to be in the “top ten” in the ranking process.

Mr. Tamulonis pointed out that the LEC was not being asked to allot funding for projects, but to make recommendations to the LCOG Board of Directors as part of the State process used by funding sources to ensure projects had been locally reviewed. He suggested action be taken on the proposals of the subcommittee as they stood because the quality of projects and their readiness would be further evaluated later.

Mr. Thurston said he agreed with the suggestion of Mr. Tamulonis. He said he believed the subcommittee had done an excellent job of evaluating projects based on information provided by applicants. He said the LEC decision would not be the final consideration given to any project.

Mr. Mike Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. John Sullivan, to accept the recommendations of the 2004 Needs and Issues Inventory Subcommittee about Infrastructure Projects and forward them to the LCOG Board of Directors for approval. The motion was adopted unanimously, 13:0.

Community Readiness Projects

Mr. Tamulonis referred to a document entitled “2004 Needs and Issues Inventory - Countywide Priority List for Community Readiness Projects” distributed with the agenda of the meeting. He invited members to discuss recommendations of the subcommittee, as follows:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>ID #</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total Score</i>
1	6310	City of Florence	N. Florence Local Improvement District	\$1,875,000	13
2	6359	Lane Council of Governments	Revolving Loan Fund - EDA	\$100,000	12
3	3854	Lane Council of Governments	Region 2050 - Regional Economic Development Plan	\$150,000	11
4	5806	City of Creswell	Parks Master Plan	\$20,000	10
5	4410	Lane Council of Governments	Groundwater Contamination Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction	\$108,000	10
6	3831	St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County	Re-usable Processing Facility	\$100,000	10
7	5880	Lane Microbusiness	Lane Microbusiness/Rural Outreach	\$30,000	9
8	5813	University of Oregon	Strategies for Community Benefit in Siuslaw Basin Restoration	\$73,000	9
9	6282	Blue River Water District	Well Renovation	\$36,000	8
10	3858	City of Cottage Grove	Endanger Species Act Habitat and Development Standards Update	\$75,000	8

NA	3839	Aprovecho Research Center	Alternative Transport and Education Center	\$32,500	
NA	6391	Blue River Water District	Water District Improvement - Phase 1	\$280,667	
NA	6380	Blue River Water District	Water District Improvement - Phase 2	\$169,286	
NA	6408	City of Eugene	Nodal Development Area Plans	\$60,000	
NA	6285	City of Oakridge	Business Development and Enhancement	\$275,000	
NA	5803	Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce	This is Cottage Grove	\$4,000	
NA	3833	Creswell Rural Fire Protection District	Fire Station Construction	\$1,200,000	
NA	3560	Lane Council of Governments	Revolving Loan Fund - USDA	\$100,000	
NA	3556	Lane Council of Governments	Small City Salmon Endangered Species Act Compliance	\$90,000	
NA	3607	Oregon Recreation Inc.	Forest Stewardship Proposal - Implementing Planning		
NA	3605	Oregon Recreation inc.	Row River Summer Festival	\$10,000	

Mr. Tamulonis reminded members of the previous presentation of Mr. Spencer, material distributed, and discussion of the *University of Oregon Strategies for Community Benefit in Siuslaw Basin Restoration* project.

Mr. Spencer stated that the subcommittee had agreed that local priorities given to projects by sponsors were important and had been given extra consideration in the ranking recommendations.

Mr. Mike Sullivan suggested that the *Blue River Water District Well Renovation* project was a health and safety concern and should be included as an Infrastructure project. Mr. Scoggin stated that categories for projects had been assigned by the OECDD and that the subcommittee had agreed that they would not be changed.

Mr. Tamulonis moved, seconded by Mr. Mike Sullivan, (1) to remove the Blue River Water District Well Renovation project from the Priority List for Community Readiness projects, (2) place it in the Priority List for Infrastructure projects, ranked as number 20 priority, (3) move the City of Springfield Industrial Land Infrastructure project to an un-prioritized position, and (4) consider only nine Community Readiness projects for ranking. The motion was adopted unanimously, 13:0.

Ms. Morrison said she was concerned that the proposed *Oregon Recreation Inc. Forest Stewardship Implementation Planning* project did not include information such as cost and did not appear to be complete. Ms. Schmidt said the project had been submitted by an individual who was not familiar with process requirements.

Mr. John Sullivan stated that members of the subcommittee had discussed whether incomplete applications should be considered. He said it had been decided since such a large number of proposals did not provide all requested information to eliminate none that was submitted.

Ms. Morrison said she was concerned that the sponsor of the *Lane Micro-Business Rural Outreach* project had not met reporting requirements for previously approved projects.

Ms. Morrison said she was concerned that the *Groundwater Contamination Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction* project would duplicate efforts funded by Oregon Senate Bill 1010. Mr. Tamulonis replied that it would be possible to ask the applicant for additional information to be submitted when it was considered by the LCOG Board of Directors.

Ms. Schwartz said the current recommendation was part of the Needs and Inventory process and that much more information would need to be required in a grant application. Mr. Dignam added that the Board of Directors was most interested in recommendations of the LEC about project rankings, not whether they met funding source requirements.

Ms. Morrison said she was most concerned that projects not duplicate efforts undertaken with alternate funding.

Mr. Mike Sullivan suggested that the projects about which Ms. Morrison was concerned be dropped from being recommended for priority ranking.

Ms. Schwartz said issues raised would best be resolved in grant applications, not the Needs and Issues Inventory process.

Members engaged in discussion about the purpose and goals of the Needs and Issues Inventory.

Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Scoggin, to accept the recommendations of the 2004 Needs and Issues Inventory Subcommittee about Community Readiness Projects, as amended, and forward them to the LCOG Board of Directors for approval. The motion was adopted, 12:1, with Ms. Morrison voting no.

Community Facilities Projects

Mr. Tamulonis referred to a document entitled “2004 Needs and Issues Inventory - Countywide Priority List for Community Readiness Projects” distributed with the agenda of the meeting. He invited members to discuss recommendations of the subcommittee, as follows:

<i>Rank</i>	<i>ID #</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total Score</i>
1	4403	Lane County	Public Health Building	\$12,513,000	11
2	5879	BRING Recycling	Planet Improvement Center	\$520,000	11
3	5691	Oregon Festival of American Music	Shedd Institute Equipment Acquisition and Facilities Renovation	\$100,000	11
4	5801	City of Oakridge	Community Center Construction	\$2,800,000	10
5	364	City of Florence	Downtown Green Improvements/Visitors Center	\$400,000	10
6	2048	Mapleton School District	Community Learning Center Development	\$498,500	10
7	5761	Blue River Community Development Corporation	Community Center/Fire Station	\$195,000	9

8	6404	Cascades Foothills library	Cascade Foothills Library	\$63,500	9
9	408	Port of Siuslaw	Harbor Management Complex	\$930,000	10
10	366	City of Junction City	Community Center	\$1,100,000	9
NA	5777	Aprovecho Research Center	Community Center	\$81,000	
NA	5758	City of Cottage Grove	Therapy Pool Ventilation Equipment	\$30,000	
NA	5776	City of Cottage Grove/South Lane Rural Fire District	Replacement of Aerial Fire Apparatus	\$350,000	
NA	6344	City of Creswell	New Library, Fixtures, Furnishings	\$1,990,000	
NA	5797	City of Oakridge	Housing Improvements	\$440,000	
NA	1991	City of Veneta	Territorial park improvements	\$525,000	
NA	5690	Cottage grove Community Sharing	South Lane Social Service Center	\$375,000	
NA	5798	Creswell Public Library Foundation	New Library Fixtures, Furnishings	\$25,000	
NA	4429	Lane County	Fair Board - Community Greens/Park Development	\$2,000,000	
NA	5765	Lane County	Youth Services - day/Evening Youth Accountability Reporting Center	\$367,400	
NA	4855	Lane County	Public Works - Armitage Park Campground Construction	\$4,425,000	
NA	6356	Mohawk Valley Lions Club	Club Meeting Structure for Mohawk high	\$16,350	
NA	3606	Oregon Recreation Inc.	Oregon Clearinghouse Prototype Facility	\$106,315	
NA	2005	Port of Siuslaw	River Recreation Trail System	\$39,000	
NA	3837	Siuslaw School District	Softball Fields ADA Project	\$33,500	
NA	3769	Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District	Natural Resource and Education Center	\$240,000	
NA	5768	St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County	Housing Rehabilitation Project	\$500,000	
NA	5772	St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County	Housing Rehabilitation Project	\$500,000	
NA	5774	St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County	Housing Rehabilitation Project	\$500,000	
NA	5775	St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County	Housing Rehabilitation Project	\$500,000	
NA	3836	Willamalane Park and Recreation District	Skate Park	\$25,500	

Mr. Tamulonis invited members to consider adding projects to the list of recommendations made by the subcommittee.

Mr. Black stated that he had learned earlier in the day that the highest priority of the *University Oregon* had not been available for consideration by the subcommittee. He described a \$2.1 million construction *project* for a *business incubator facility*. He said he was assured that the project application had been submitted appropriately.

Mr. Ramseyer left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Whitson distributed copies of the Needs and Issues Inventory application for the *Northwest Youth Corps Health and Safety Campus Upgrades* project. She noted that it had been submitted on March 26 and been assigned ID #6467.

Mr. Dignam stated the LEC was able to add projects to the project-ranking list.

Mr. Mike Sullivan moved, seconded by Mr. Spencer to add the University of Oregon Business Incubator Facility and Northwest Youth Corps Health and Safety Campus Upgrades projects to the 2004 Needs and Issues Inventory - Countywide Priority List for Community Readiness Projects. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0, Mr. Ramseyer having left the meeting.

Ms. Morrison moved, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to request that members of the subcommittee evaluate criteria used in establishing rank priorities of the projects added to the Community Readiness Projects Priority List to determine if their total scores would include them as ranked and to add either or both as additional ranked project(s) without removing the ranking of any other project. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

Mr. John Sullivan moved, seconded by Ms. Morrison, to accept the recommendations of the 2004 Needs and Issues Inventory Subcommittee about Community Facilities Projects, as amended, and forward them to the LCOG Board of Directors for approval. The motion was adopted unanimously, 12:0.

Mr. John Sullivan expressed appreciation for the work of staff in supporting the work of the subcommittee. He recommended that the subcommittee reconvene within 60 days to develop recommendations to improve evaluation criteria for projects submitted in future Needs and Issues Inventories.

Mr. Tamulonis announced that the next LEC meeting was scheduled for July 19. He said its agenda would include a progress report on Region 2050 and consideration of a document distributed at the May meeting entitled "Link to LCOG Board goals and LEC Work Plan."

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

(Recorded by Dan Lindstrom)-