

**Metropolitan Development Policy Committee
Meeting Summary
November 12, 2003**

1. Call to Order, Approval of the September 10, 2003 Meeting Summary, and Announcements

Chair Woodson called the meeting of the MDPC to order at 10:00 a.m.

The September 10, 2003 meeting summary was approved.

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff stated that the COG Board approved the Round 6.3 Cooperative Forecast during their October meeting. Mr. DesJardin also stated that COG Board Vice Chair Mendelson questioned why the Forecasts were to be approved by the Board during the fall when MDPC approved the projections in early March.

Stacy Pethia and Diana Farina of the COG staff presented, respectively, COG “Our Changing Region” Census 2000 reports 4 and 5. Ms. Pethia noted that Census report 4 focused on housing characteristics and Ms. Farina stated that report number 5 focused on measures of income and poverty.

2. Report of October 20 meeting of the Metropolitan Development Citizens Advisory Committee (MDCAC)

MDCAC Vice Chair Lee Quill described the October 20 meeting of the committee, noting that the result group was interested in convening a joint meeting with the MDPC. The purpose of the joint meeting would be to discuss MDCAC initiatives for the coming year.

3. “Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level” Video

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff stated that MDPC and COG Board members approved the final draft script for “Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level” during their respective meetings on July 9. Since that time, working from the approved script the project consultant, Take Aim Media, has completed the initial filming of the video. MDPC members watched the video and offered several suggestions to staff and the consultant. Members noted that while much of the film was good, the video lacked diversity among the citizens shown in the images. Mr. DesJardin stated that staff would work with Take Aim Media to revise the video for the January 14, 2004 MDPC meeting.

4. National Capital Planning Commission Proposed Regional “Green Infrastructure” Project

Joseph Kocy of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) stated that NCPC is

interested in compiling an inventory of Park & Open Space land to examine if the region has sufficient "Green Infrastructure" to accommodate future populations. Mr. Kocy also noted that as part of this inventory NCPC will also examine and identify any potential federal sites, if surplused or closed through the BRAC process, which may serve a critical open space need. Mr. Kocy stated that an initial step in the development of this inventory has been the creation of a draft trails map. This draft GIS map depicts the location and surface types of off-road trails in the National Capital Region.

5. Adjournment

There were no additional items. Chair Woodson adjourned the meeting at 11:50. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 14 at 10:00 a.m.