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COG Climate Change Steering Committee

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

9:30 am – 11:45 am**

COG Board Room (3rd Floor)

****Lunch will be available for Committee Members at 11:45 am**

- District of Columbia
- Bladensburg*
- Bowie
- College Park
- Frederick
- Frederick County
- Gaithersburg
- Greenbelt
- Montgomery County
- Prince George's County
- Rockville
- Takoma Park
- Alexandria
- Arlington County
- Fairfax
- Fairfax County
- Falls Church
- Loudoun County
- Manassas
- Manassas Park
- Prince William County

Agenda

1. COMMITTEE NETWORKING

9:15 am – 9:30 am

2. Call to Order, Review of 10/22/08 Meeting Summary and Amendments to the Agenda

9:30 am – 9:35 am *Hon. Nancy Floreen, Chair*

Council Member, Montgomery County

3. Chair, Member and Staff Announcements/Updates/Advocacy

9:35 am – 10:00 am *Chair Floreen, Committee Members and COG Staff*

Chair Floreen, Committee Members, and COG staff will provide updates on federal, state and local climate change initiatives affecting the region.

- *COG Board Action 11/12/08 – Chair Floreen*
- *Montgomery County Sustainability Initiative – Hon. Roger Berliner*
- *Virginia Climate Commission Report 12/15/08 – Hon. Paul Ferguson*
- *Board of Trade Green Committee – Bob Grow*
- *Street Light Project – George Nichols*
- *Green Affordable Housing Conference 3/3/09 – George Nichols*
- *Other Committee Updates – Committee Members and COG Staff*

4. Legislative Updates

a) Federal Climate and Energy Initiatives

10:00 am – 10:30 am *Ken Brown, Executive Director, Climate Communities*

Ken Brown, Executive Director of Climate Communities will summarize the outcomes of the federal stimulus bill concerning energy conservation and promotion of renewable energy, and preview expected federal climate and energy legislation during the current session of Congress.

Recommended action: Receive briefing, identify potential regional initiatives relative to the stimulus bill and provide guidance to CCSC Policy

*Adjunct member

Subcommittee concerning potential advocacy positions on federal climate and energy legislation.

b) State Legislative Initiatives

10:30 am – 10:50 am..... *Leah Boggs, COG Staff*

Ms. Boggs will summarize the status of energy and climate legislation introduced in Maryland and Virginia.

Recommended action: Receive briefing.

5. COG Climate Change Work Program for FY 2009/FY2010

10:50 am – 11:15 am..... *Stuart Freudberg and Joan Roblfs, COG Staff*

Mr. Freudberg and Ms. Roblfs will outline the expected COG Climate Change work program for the balance of FY 2009 and FY 2010.

Recommended action: Committee members are requested to provide feedback to enable staff to prepare a final document for consideration at the March 27, 2009 meeting.

6. Recommendation to COG Board on Climate and Energy Policy Committee

11:15 am – 11:40 am..... *Stuart Freudberg, COG Staff*

The COG Board of Directors adopted the COG Climate Change Report on November 12, 2008. The report recommended creation of a COG “Climate and Energy Policy Committee” to oversee implementation of the report recommendations. The COG Board has requested a detailed recommendation on the mission, membership and work program and budget of the proposed committee be provided in April. Mr. Freudberg will present staff’s recommendations for consideration and discussion by CCSC members.

Recommended action: Committee members are requested to provide feedback to enable staff to prepare a final document for consideration and action the March 27, 2009 meeting.

7. Next Steps

11:40 am – 11:45 am..... *Chair Floreen*

8. Adjourn – 11:45 am

The next meeting of the Climate Change Steering Committee will be held on:

Friday, March 27, 2009

10 am – 12:30 pm



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