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**METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Wednesday March 10, 2010  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**Place:** COG First Floor Training Center  
 777 North Capitol Street, N.E.  
 Washington, DC 20002

**AGENDA**

**9:30 a.m.            1.        CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13,  
 2010 MEETING SUMMARY, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Hon. Michael Brown  
 Councilmember, District of Columbia  
 Chairman, Metropolitan Development  
 Policy Committee*

- Chairman’s remarks
- 2010 MDPC Appointments, Leadership and Meeting Schedule
- March 15 – COG Census 2010 Forum on Hard-to-Count Populations
- May 3 – Montgomery Affordable Housing Conference
- Other announcements

**9:45 a.m.            2.        2010 CENSUS PREPARATIONS FOR THE  
 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

*Fernando E. Armstrong  
 Director, Philadelphia Regional  
 Philadelphia Regional Census Office*

A decennial Census of the nation’s population occurs every 10 years as required by the Constiution since 1790. Fernando Armstrong, Director of the Philadelphia Regional Census Office will brief the Committee on Census preparations in the Washington region, and staff will brief the Committee on the next planned COG Census event on March 15.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing and Recommend Next Steps**

**10:10 a.m. 3. BRIEFING AND REQUEST FOR ACTION ON THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION LAND CONSERVATION ACT**

*Bill Dickinson  
Environmental Policy Network  
Former Chair, Northern Virginia  
Parks Authority*

A proposed amendment to the Capper-Cramton Act of 1930, the purpose of the National Capital Region Land Conservation act is to authorize a grant program to preserve resources for a range of uses, including: parks and open space; green space corridors that link public lands or lands subject to conservation restrictions; agriculture; forests; historic preservation; and sensitive environmental sensitive areas such as wildlife habitat. Mr. Dickinson will brief the Committee on the legislation and seek comments and approval in advance of discussion and action by the COG Board later this spring.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing and Recommend Next Steps**

**10:30 a.m. 4. COG COMMENTS ON HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

*Paul DesJardin  
COG Staff*

At noon the COG Board will be asked to approve COG comments on the new HUD Sustainability Communities Planning Grant program. Comments are due March 12. Three federal agencies, HUD, DOT and EPA jointly announced this new program on February 4. The goal of the program is to “support multi-jurisdictional regional planning efforts that integrate housing, economic development, and transportation decision-making in a manner that empowers jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of economic growth, social equity and environmental impact simultaneously.” Regional councils, such as COG, are anticipated to be eligible for federal funding on behalf of regional consortia. COG staff will brief the Committee on the new grant program and how COG’s recent work, including Region Forward, the 2008 climate change report, and transportation planning and scenario work make COG uniquely qualified to help coordinate and lead a response to new federal grant funding.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing and Recommend Next Steps**

**10:55 a.m. 5. REGION FORWARD / GREATER WASHINGTON 2050 AND 2010 MDPC WORK PROGRAM PRIORITIES**

*Paul DesJardin  
John Mataya  
COG Staff*

Led by COG and a coalition of public, business, civic and environmental stakeholders, Greater Washington 2050 is a regional initiative to improve the quality of life for the Washington area by fostering stronger regional awareness, leadership and action. During their January 13 meeting, the COG

Board adopted Resolution R9-10, approving Region Forward and tasking the MDPC with implementation of the *Region Forward* recommendations..

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive Briefing and Recommend Next Steps**

**11:15 a.m.                    5.        COMMITTEE MEMBER ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**  
*Committee Members*

Committee members will discuss emerging issues in their jurisdictions or recommend topics that they would like the MDPC to address during meetings this year.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Propose agenda topics and issues for discussion**

**11:25 a.m.                    6.        OTHER BUSINESS**

**11:30 a.m.                    7.        ADJOURNMENT**



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