

**Metropolitan Development Policy Committee  
Meeting Summary  
January 12, 2005**

**1. Call to Order, Approval of the September 8, 2004 Meeting Summary, and Announcements**

Chair Woodson called the meeting of the MDPC to order at 10:00 a.m. The September 8, 2004 meeting summary was approved. Paul DesJardin of the COG staff distributed copies of the MDPC meeting schedule for calendar year 2005. Mr. DesJardin also noted that staff had distributed copies of an update on dissemination to date of the “Smart Growth Begins at the Local Level” CD.

**2. Report of the July 8, 2004 meeting of the Metropolitan Development Citizens Advisory Committee (MDCAC)**

Chair Lee Quill discussed the status of the MDCAC and indicated that Committee was seeking new appointments for 2005. Mr. Quill also stated that the Committee had lost several key members and would devote the next meeting of the group to developing work program items.

**3. Update on “Reality Check on Growth” Event**

Paul DesJardin of the COG staff stated that on February 2, the Washington District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI Washington) will host “Reality Check on Growth” - a one-day participatory GIS-based exercise similar to those recently completed in Los Angeles and Utah. Nearly 300 regional political, business, development, community, and environmental leaders will be invited to collaboratively analyze and develop alternative growth scenarios for our rapidly growing region. Mr. DesJardin stated that on January 2004, ULI staff briefed the MDPC on the event and in February 2004, the COG Board adopted Resolution R9-04 recommending COG’s participation. Mr. DesJardin stated that COG staff had been active in all aspects of planning and preparation for the Reality Check on Growth event and that COG staff was working to ensure active participation from MDPC and COG Board members. Mr. DesJardin stated that the exercise had been modified to use Lego blocks together with the “Paint the Region” software.

**4. Briefing on Tools to Analyze Growth in the Chesapeake Bay Region**

Peter Claggett of the U.S. Geological Survey provided an overview of the urban growth modeling activities currently sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Program Office of the Environmental Protection Agency and discussed the Bay Program's role and future direction in growth modeling activities in the greater Washington and Chesapeake Bay regions.

**5. Briefing on Outcomes from November 8 “Surviving Security” Conference**

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was postponed and will be re-scheduled.

## **6. Update on Housing Directors Work Program**

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was postponed and will be re-scheduled.

## **7. Other Business**

In-coming MDPC Chair Elizabeth Hewlett presented a certificate of thanks to outgoing Chair JOuyce Woodson.

## **8. Adjournment**

There were no additional items. Chair Woodson adjourned the meeting at 11:50. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 9, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.