

Westshore Council of Governments
Regular Meeting
Gemini Center, Fairview Park
February 12, 2014

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM

1. ROLL CALL

In attendance: Mayors Bobst, Clough, Kennedy, Patton, Summers and Sutherland; Fiscal Officer Steve Presley, County Councilman Dave Greenspan

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept minutes of January 8 made by Mayor Bobst, second by Mayor Summers; Mayors Clough and Kennedy abstain; motion carried.

3. COMMISSION REPORTS

- a. RTA – Mayor Clough reported that South Euclid Mayor Georgine Welo had been elected to the RTA Board. The annual contract for the CEO and General Manager is being evaluated.
- b. NOACA – Mayor Sutherland reports that NOACA is continuing work of strategic planning. There are new committees within the organization which will meet later in the week. TLCI Study approved in Rocky River for the Detroit Corridor. Mayor Bobst explained the need for the study.
- c. Land Bank – Mayor Kennedy had nothing new to report. The group consensus is that the Land Bank is very accessible and desires to reach out to the suburbs. Mayor Summers explained that the Land Bank also has an interest in local economic development and presented a project in Lakewood in which the City and School Board are partnering with the Land Bank to demolish a former school building. Demolition costs would be repaid when the land is sold.
- d. County Planning Commission (CPC) – Mayor Patton reappointed as a representative to the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. She expects to see restructuring.
- e. Senior Transportation – Prior to the meeting, County Councilman Dave Greenspan relayed that the Cuyahoga County Senior Transportation Connection would be happy to speak with the Westshore COG at its next meeting and would make the necessary arrangements.
- f. Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association –HB5 ramping up again. A legislative meeting is scheduled for March 12 in Columbus.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Temporary Appropriations: Fiscal Officer to present a budget before the next meeting.
- b. Bill Denihan email. Mayor Patton and Fairview Park Police Chief to follow up regarding CIT training for police officers.
- c. Fire Study: Westshore Mayors to meet February 24 to continue discussion with regard to regionalizing fire service. Mayor Clough to act as Chair.
- d. FirstAid4Autism: Mayor Patton asked Councilman Greenspan for financial assistance to be able to provide this training to local first responders. Councilman Greenspan affirmed his support.
- e. Civil Service: A schedule of the expiration dates for each community's entrance/promotional exams was distributed. Savings to communities would be found in advertising as well as lower costs to applicants. Discussion followed regarding communities' promotional rules.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. 911 Consolidation: Mayor Summers reported that Cuyahoga County wants to consolidate 911 dispatch centers for both fire and police into six centers. There is an expectation from the county that the Westshore would become one of the six centers. The group expressed concerns that such consolidation could successfully be managed by the County or improve upon Central Dispatch and that such a consolidation could be a detriment to Westshore communities.
- b. Health Insurance: Mayor Patton reported that Fairview Park joined Cuyahoga County's healthcare pool resulting in significant cost savings to the community.
- c. Suburban Water Regional Council of Governments Suburban Water Main Renewal Program meeting. There are new criteria to establish when communities are eligible for funds. \$500,000 set aside for emergency situations only. General discussion followed on the pros and cons of signing the agreement.
- f. Mayor Bobst reported that MARC's Radios usage fees are a topic of statewide discussion. Governor Kasich would like all state agencies and local communities to be on the MARC's system but usage could be cost prohibitive if communications bills are significant.
- g. Road Salt: ODOT is offering to lend salt to communities who are in need of additional salt. Cities would pay them back (with salt) for the quantities borrowed.
- h. Marine Patrol: Rocky River, Lakewood, and the Cleveland Metroparks are collaborating to purchase a patrol vessel in order to patrol shoreline.