

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Board Meeting Minutes
The Center for Regional Planning and Design
February 18, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Valerie Abbott, City of Birmingham
Mr. Tom Barnett, City of Birmingham
Honorable Delor Baumann, City of Hueytown
Mr. Ray Hamilton, Town of Vincent
Honorable Robbie Hayes, Shelby County
Honorable Tom Henderson, City of Center Point
Mayor William Hereford, City of Pell City
Mr. Reginald Holloway, Shelby County
Mr. Chester Jolly, City of Warrior
Mr. Devon Laney, City of Birmingham
Honorable Theoangelo Perkins, Town of Harpersville
Mr. Waymon Pitts, Blount County
Ms. Eunice Rogers, City of Birmingham
Honorable David Standridge, Blount County

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY ALTERNATE

Honorable Bettye Fine Collins, Jefferson County
 Represented by Ms. Donna DeLoach
Honorable Larry Langford, City of Birmingham
 Represented by Ms. Renee Kemp-Rotan
Honorable Eddie Reed, City of Jemison
 Represented by Honorable Theoangelo Perkins

MEMBERS ABSENT

Honorable Bruce Hamrick, Walker County Commission
Honorable Stan Batemon, St. Clair County
Honorable Tim Mims, Chilton County Commission
Honorable Bobby Humphryes, Jefferson County
Honorable Jim Carns, Jefferson County
Honorable Wayne Gross, Town of Parrish
Mr. Timothy Westhoven, City of Hoover

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. A. V. LaRocca, DLHC, Inc.
Jocelyn Harper, City of Birmingham
Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Ray Morris, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Bill Foisy, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Brian O'Dell, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Honorable Valerie Abbott called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared by the Chairman. The following business was conducted.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 19, 2008 Board meeting stand as written.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Tom Barnett, Finance Committee Chair reported that the September 30, 2008 RPC Audit is ready and that the process for completion of the audit was smooth. Mr. LaRocca, representing the auditing firm of DLHC, Inc. reported on the audit as follows:

1. Unqualified "clean" opinions issues on the financial statements, report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance with A-133 guidelines as they relate to federal awards programs.
2. For A-133 the entity has qualified as a low risk auditee due to fact that we have had no findings in our review of its major programs for the previous two years.

Mr. LaRocca will file the audit with the Federal Clearinghouse. Councilor Abbott stated that this is very good news. Commissioner Hayes moved and Ms. Rogers second that the September 30, 2008 audit be accepted as presented.

Mr. Mr. O'Dell then presented the financial information for the period ending December 31, 2008.

Statement of Net Assets

1. The current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) for the period is 3.22 compared to December 2007 which was 5.46.
2. The quick ratio (current assets-unbilled receivables/current liabilities) is 1.61 compared to December 2007 which was 5.16.

The ratios indicate that the finances are more stressed than a year ago but this is not unexpected. It was anticipated that the liquidity would tighten when the Rideshare and Air Quality payables were returned to RPC for payment. Jefferson County has been handling the payments for the previous contract period due to RPC's cash situation two years ago. Another contributing factor is the Building Communities Program payables which will level out over the next few months. The long term liability is now under \$1 million. The bottom line is that the financials are very health and solid.

Cash and cash equivalents are \$270,427. Total Current Assets are \$1,170,985 (C), Unbilled Receivables are \$586,697 (D), Total Current Liabilities are \$363,470 (E).

Accounts Receivable are \$313,860. Accounts Payables are \$161,763 (G). Deferred Revenues are \$146,613.

Budget Summary

1. Actual Year-To-Date total expenditures are under budget by \$351,793 (J).
2. Salary, fringe and indirect is under budget in total by \$45,623 (K).
3. Direct costs are under budget by \$115,875 (L).
4. The contracts are under budget \$190,295 (M).

These numbers are under budget significantly. The numbers look good.

Dues

Dues for 2009 collected to date are \$444,080 (62 members paid) as compared to \$453,550 (76 members paid) for same period last year

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

The Cash Available is \$20,594 and Receivables from Loans is \$1,204,051. The numbers are consistent with very little change since the last report. All loans are current with the exception of Krupp Oil. The court has issued a Summary Judgment against Krupp Oil.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ball reported the following:

- The First Floor Conference room is undergone a major renovation. This project was part of the Strategic Plan to host more meetings and workshops to produce additional unrestricted funds.
- RPC is offering assistance to the Birmingham School Board to scope a project to help transform abandoned schools for uses such as apartments, hotels or community centers. Building new schools in a blighted area does not necessarily lead to revitalization of a neighborhood.
- There are vacancies on the RPC Finance Committee and Program Budget Committee. The Board was asked to consider themselves or someone from their community who would be interested in serving on these Committees. Councilor Abbott recommended that background information on these two Committees be emailed to the Board members. Appointments would be made at the March Board meeting. Ms. Harper expressed her interest in being considered for appointment.
- The RPC and Birmingham MPO participated in the "Call for Projects" by the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). RPC received lists of projects from municipalities, counties and other agencies and in turn submitted them online to NARC. As part of the ongoing meeting schedule of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), their next meeting in March will focus on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 recently signed by the President on February 17, 2009 in relation to Alabama's economy. Notification of this meeting will include the RPC Board. Ms. Kemp-Rotan commented that there are so many "lists" and it is hard to discern where to submit their lists. Mr. Hamilton stated that it is important to work the process through established RPC/MPO programs such as

ALDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program and the CEDS.

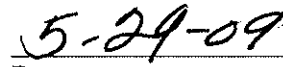
OTHER

Mayor Perkins extended an invitation to join him on Friday, February 20, 2009 8am in Harpersville for Coffey with the Mayor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.



Honorable Bettye Fine Collins, Secretary



Date