

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham
Board Meeting Minutes
The Center for Regional Planning and Design
September 16, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Honorable Valerie Abbott, City of Birmingham
Honorable Robbie Hayes, Shelby County
Mr. Tom Barnett, City of Birmingham
Mr. Ray Hamilton, Town of Vincent
Mr. Devon Laney, City of Birmingham
Honorable Waymon Pitts, Blount County
Mr. Chester Jolly, City of Warrior
Mr. Reginald Holloway, Shelby County
Ms. Eunice Rogers, City of Birmingham
Mr. Tim Westhoven, City of Hoover

MEMBERS REPRESENTED BY ALTERNATES

Honorable Tom Henderson, Center Point
 Represented by Mr. Terry Leesberg
Honorable Theoangelo Perkins, Town of Harpersville
 Represented by Mr. Ray Hamilton
Honorable David Standridge, Blount County Commission
 Represented by Honorable Waymon Pitts

MEMBERS ABSENT

Honorable Delor Baumann, City of Hueytown
Honorable Bettye Fine Collins, Jefferson County
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
Honorable Eddie Reed, City of Jemison
Mayor William Hereford, City of Pell City

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Kevin Owens, City of Birmingham
Ms. Joselyn Harper, City of Birmingham
Mr. Charles Ball, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Ray Morris, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Brian O'Dell, Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Greg Wingo, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cynthia Barton, Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Cissy Edwards Crowe, Regional Planning Commission

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BETTYE FINE COLLINS
PRESIDENT

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Honorable Valerie Abbott called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was declared by the Chairman. The following business was conducted.

MINUTES

The minutes from the August 19, 2009 stand as presented.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Barnett, Finance Committee Chair reported that the financials are in good shape.

Mr. O'Dell then presented the financial information for the period ending July 31, 2009.

Statement of Net Assets

1. The current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) for the period is 2.89 compared to July 2008 which was 3.36.
2. The quick ratio (current assets-unbilled receivables/current liabilities) is 1.58 compared to July 2008 which was 3.31.

The liquidity is adequate. The cash flow at the end of the fiscal year typically tightens up and that trend is proving true. The long term debt continues to be reduced slowly. \

Cash and cash equivalents are \$352,946. Total Current Assets are \$967,510 (C), Unbilled Receivables are \$437,210 (D), Total Current Liabilities are \$334,909 (E). Accounts Receivable are \$177,354. Accounts Payables are \$135,935 (G). Deferred Revenues are \$143,881.

Budget Summary

Total Expenditures are under budget by \$496,557 (J), Salaries, Fringe and Indirect are under budget \$64,479 (K), Direct Costs are under budget \$549,996 (L) and Contracts are over budget \$117,918 (M). The FHWA PL expenditures are slightly over budget. In addition, the PL budget has not utilized all the funding available. The variance for the Senior Services programs should be reduced by end of the fiscal year.

Dues

Dues are tracking close to the same as previous year. Dues for 2009 collected to date are \$600,070 (78 members paid) as compared to \$583,460 (80 members paid) for same period last year.

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

The cash and cash equivalents is \$33,175. The total receivables from loan recipients are \$1,376,432. The net assets held in trust are \$1,409,607. A settlement for Krupp Oil is being negotiated with the tenant who is purchasing the site. A deposition with the current owner is scheduled for October 7, 2009. ThermaSteel is trying to work out a settlement with Regions Bank which is in first position by paying interest only but allowing the bank to take some cash from the cash flow to repay the principle. The RLF loan is in third position with personal guarantees. Also, they have hired a turnaround company to assist with managing the company.

PROGRAM BUDGET COMMITTEE

Rideshare Agreement

Commission Pitts presented the Rideshare Agreement between the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and the State of Alabama relative to STPBHL Project No. 100052170 for the Birmingham Area Rideshare Program and included the following information.

The following financial information was presented in the adopted RPC FY2010 Budget.

Program Description

Total Revenue Available is \$1,081,600. This funding provides for RPC and third party contracts to operate the carpool and vanpool programs. A match is not required. Balance available for carry forward to FY2010 equals total revenue available less total programmed expenses and is \$2,132.

Major Objective

This funding is to reduce reliance on the single-occupant automobile through programs that result in air emissions reductions. Ongoing activities are conducted for employer based outreach programs, vanpool operations services, and park-and-ride lot development.

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2008-2009 Fiscal Year Accomplishments

- 38 vanpools in operation with 320 vanpoolers.
- 74 business partners in the program.
- 5,731 new applicants added to the ridematching database.
- 7,310,492. Vehicle Miles Reduced

- GetGreen program converted 1,172 commuters from a single occupancy vehicle to an approved clean commute mode.
- 1,269 commuters register for the Commute Club program
- Provided 25 Emergency Ride Home (ERH) trips.
- 41,581 web hits to www.CommuteSmart.org.

Commissioner Pitts moved and Mr. Westhoven seconded to approve the agreement. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The Board requested a list of the business partners in the program be emailed to them.

Park and Ride Agreement Extension

Commission Pitts presented the amendment to the Park and Ride agreement and acknowledged that this did not go before the Program Budget Committee due to its late arrival at the RPC office.

The original agreement dated April 1, 2008 is amended in the following respects.

Paragraph (6) of the Agreement is amended by extending the expiration date from March 31, 2009 to September 30, 2010. All other remaining terms of the agreement remain the same.

Commission Pitts moved and Ms. Rogers seconded to approve the amendment to the agreement. Motion passed on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ball reported that a grant application was submitted to U. S. Department of Transportation for \$65 million in support of the In-Town Transit Partnership. It was an application for funding under the TIGER grant program. The application submission included 51 letters of support and resolutions. RPC has received 6 letters of commitment of financial support for the project. These include Alabama Power Company, Alabama Gas Corporation, Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, Children's Hospital, UAB and Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center. Notice of award should be no later than February 2010.

OTHER

Ms. Harper announced that Friends of Robinson Elementary School is hosting a public participation event October 3, 2009 for the public to provide input into determining the best reuse of the building. This event will provide necessary information for the study the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham is conducting through funding provided by the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Betty Fine Collins
Honorable Betty Fine Collins, Secretary

10-29-09
Date