

Westshore Council of Governments  
Regular Meeting  
Bay Village City Hall  
November 18, 2015

Mayor Sutherland called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

1. Roll Call – In attendance – Mayor Sutherland (Bay Village ), Mayor Patton (Fairview Park), Mayor Bobst (Rocky River)  
Absent: Mayor Summers (Lakewood), Mayor Clough (Westlake), David Greenspan (District 1 Cuyahoga Councilman)

Also in attendance: Fiscal Officer, Renee Mahoney, Fire Chief Tony Raffin (Fairview Park), Kathryn Kosiorek (League of Women Voters)

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.

3. Commission Reports

- A. RTA

Mayor Sutherland noted that there is an upcoming election for RTA representation from the Mayors. There are at least two interested parties. She reminded everyone to vote.

- B. NOACA

Mayor Sutherland reported there won't be a meeting until mid-December. There will be a vote on representation for federal and state level lobbyists.

- C. Land Bank

Mayor Kennedy stated they have a meeting coming up. He has nothing new to report. The demolition fund is requesting additional properties. Rocky River is working on a few and ready to demolish the Executive Club by the end of the year. Mayor Bobst appreciates the assistance of Gus Frango, at the county who has been very responsive to the West shore communities. Rocky River has applied for a CDBG grant for a neighborhood park in the location where an old gas station was demolished. They were helpful in getting letters of support for Rocky River's proposed park.

- D. County Planning Commission

Mayor Patton mentioned the open position on the Planning Commission.

- E. Cuyahoga County Mayors & Managers Association

Mayor Sutherland mentioned that the biggest issue is working on coming back to our legislative delegation with a proposal for an increase in the Local Government Fund which will be submitted by the end of the year. The next meeting will be Wed., Dec. 2, meeting on new Mayor's orientation following the meeting. Mayor Bobst added that she spoke with Lisa about our statewide advocacy ability and discussion about the Ohio Municipal League followed. Mayor Kennedy added that Mayors and Managers had a presentation in North Olmsted on Human Trafficking. It was well attended by local police chiefs.

4. Old Business

Mayor Kennedy distributed a handout from Trisha Granfors, CERT, regarding filling her position when she retires in Dec. Fire Chief Raffin said they support CERT but don't think it's a full-time position. It is a valuable resource so they would like to see the position kept. Mayor Bobst said the Mayors are in support of keeping the position. Mayor Bobst spoke with Brandy Carney at the County and they don't want to take over local CERT's but they do want to coordinate with

them because they have a great number of resources. Trish needs to supply a job/position description. CERT meets quarterly and these are general meetings attended by any of the volunteers who care to come, Chief Raffin, Trish and representatives from each city that is active in CERT. There was further discussion about the position.

5. New Business – Fiscal Officer Mahoney distributed the WEB October financials and discussion followed. A motion was made by Mayor Bobst to acknowledge receipt of the October financials. Mayor Patton seconded. The Motion was passed.

The 2015 WEB budget adjustment handout was distributed and discussed. Fiscal Officer Mahoney noted that the CERT budget was underfunded. Funds can be moved from the reserve fund to cover the CERT shortfall. A motion to approve the adjusted 2105 budget was made by Mayor Kennedy and seconded by Mayor Bobst. Motion approved.

Fiscal Officer Mahoney asked for approval of the 2016 temporary budget. A Motion was made to approve the 2016 Temporary budget by Mayor Bobst and seconded by Mayor Patton. The Motion was approved.

Ms. Mahoney distributed the minutes from the WEB chiefs meeting held in September 2015, which reveals the details of a settlement of a recent court case in which a large sum of forfeited money was awarded to the WEB, and six communities of the WEB to go into their Law Enforcement Trust Funds. The minutes detail the distribution of the funds.

Mayor Patton had 2 additional items for New Business. Fairview Park did not get the Tri-City Park grant. A Tri-City Park meeting will be scheduled with the Mayors and Rec. Directors from Rocky River, Westlake, and Fairview Park. Fairview Park is currently looking for a Building Commissioner due to an upcoming retirement and requests that their new Commissioner get together to meet with the Building Commissioner/Director/CBO of the other COG cities .

Mayor Bobst distributed the 2016 COG meeting schedule. Rocky River will be hosting the meetings next year at City Hall, in the first floor conference room, and possibly at the Civic Center.

Mayor Sutherland polled the group about the December COG meeting. It was decided to cancel the meeting scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, Mayor Sutherland convened the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

The next meeting of the Westshore COG is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2016 in Rocky River.

The Mayors went into Executive session to discuss management at the Dispatch Center.

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