

Westshore Council of Governments Meeting  
Bay Village City Hall

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Mayor Koomar called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Present for the meeting were Mayor Koomar (Bay Village), Mayor Cooney (Fairview Park), Mayor Bobst (Rocky River), Mayor George (Lakewood), Mayor Clough (Westlake), and Mayor Kennedy (North Olmsted). Also in attendance: Fiscal Officer, Renee Mahoney, Jeff Capretto (Westshore Enforcement Bureau)

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were distributed for review and approval. Mayor Kennedy moved to approve the November 13, 2019 minutes. Mayor Bobst seconded. Minutes were approved as written, with Mayor Clough abstaining.

**Fiscal Officer's Report:** Renee Mahoney distributed the 2020 Dues Allocation and November financials. Discussion followed. Mayor Clough questioned the part of the formula based on valuation. Since the agreement establishing the COG was originally signed in 1970, it may need to be reviewed and updated. Mayor Kennedy suggested that this be added to the fall agenda. Host city would be responsible for generating a draft of new agreement which would then be reviewed by the rest of the member cities.

Ms. Mahoney asked that the Mayors move to motion the November financials as received.

**Commission Reports:**

**RTA** - Mayor Clough reported that Shaker Heights Mayor Weiss has been elected to the RTA Board. Currently there are 10 Board members; 3 appointed by the county, 3 by Mayors and Managers, and 4 by the City of Cleveland. Redesign of the system studies have been completed following extensive public meetings. No action has been taken as of yet. India Birdsong, CEO and General Manager of the RTA will attend an upcoming COG meeting to introduce herself. The Annual meeting of the RTA board will take place in March.

**NOACA** - Mayor Bobst reported there will be a Board of Directors meeting Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 where committee assignments will be made. There will be a *Long-Range Transportation Plan* Press Conference January 28, 2020 at the Crawford Museum. The Long-Range Transportation Plan update will offer a vision of the region's transportation system through the year 2045 and identify the framework for directing investment for all forms of transportation in Northeast Ohio, including motor vehicle, bridge, transit, bicycle, walking and the movement of freight.

**Land Bank** - Mayor Kennedy would like COG representation on the Land Bank. Mayor George offered to be the COG representative. The appointment is made by the county executive. Mayor George will be meeting with him next week.

**County Planning Commission** - Mayor Bobst announced there is an organizational meeting tomorrow to select officers for the County Planning Commission. New Executive Director, Shawn Leininger is trying to get out to meet with all mayors. Focus is on the Urban Tree Canopy. The County Planning Commission continues to assist communities preparing Master Plans and offers additional services, such as community surveys.

**Cuyahoga County Mayors & Managers Association** – There was no report at this time. A meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2020.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business** – **WEB Overview:** Jeff Capretto from the Westshore Enforcement Bureau discussed the role of WEB and the Drug Task Force. He spoke about the Law Enforcement Trust fund and how funds are obtained and distributed among the member cities. The ORC governs the use of the funds and there are restrictions on how they may be spent. The chiefs vote on requests for use of the funds. Renee Mahoney will send out additional information on the use of the funds. Other topics Jeff touched on:

- Young Leaders Program which has 60+ active students in grades 5 – 12
- Drug drop-off boxes
- The Quick Response Program (QRP) using Narcan
- SRO's (school resource officers) Discussion followed among the mayors with regards to SRO programs in their respective cities.

Mayor Koomar distributed copies of an article from Cities & Villages magazine titled "Marijuana and CBD Considerations" and a flyer "Marijuana Concentrates"

There being no further business, Mayor Koomar convened the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

The next meeting of the Westshore COG is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.