

# Baltimore Metropolitan Council



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## **BMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS JANUARY 29, 2009**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Honorable Ken Ulman, Howard County Executive and Chairman  
Honorable John Leopold, Anne Arundel County Executive  
Honorable Sheila Dixon, Mayor, Baltimore City  
Honorable David R. Craig, Harford County Executive

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Alan Friedman, Anne Arundel County  
Elaine Garven, Baltimore City  
Frank Johnson, Carroll County  
Frank Principe, Baltimore County  
Lorraine Costello, Harford County  
Aaron Greenfield, Howard County

#### **GUESTS**

Ernie Crist, Manager, Harford County Division of Emergency Operations  
Josh Easton, Baltimore City  
Robert Maloney, Director, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, Baltimore City

#### **BMC STAFF**

Larry Klimovitz, Executive Director  
Regina Aris  
Harvey S. Bloom  
Monica Haines  
Barbara Herron  
Mike Kelly  
Mary Logan  
Sandra Spears

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Current Chair and County Executive Ulman called for a motion to appoint County Executive Leopold as the new Chair for Calendar Year 2009. The motion was seconded by County Executive Craig. County Executive Ulman then called for a motion to appoint Mayor Dixon as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by County Executive Craig. The motions were approved by unanimous voice vote. Following the appointments, County Executive Leopold presented a proclamation to County Executive Ulman thanking him for his service as Chair of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council.

### **Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2008 Board Meeting**

County Executive and Chairman Leopold called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2008 Board meeting. The motion was made by County Executive Craig and seconded by County Executive Ulman. As there were no additions or changes to the minutes, they were approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **Presentations**

Before the presentations took place, County Executive Leopold requested that all future meeting materials be sent electronically rather than a hard copy by mail or courier service.

#### **Quarterly Update by Urban Area Work Group (UAWG)**

He then introduced Robert Maloney, Director of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to present the quarterly report update by the Urban Area Work Group (UAWG).

Mr. Maloney gave an overview on the following:

- Regional Site-on-Wheels (Interoperability)
- Historical Funding Levels and Projects
- FY 09 Target Allocation - \$10,974,900
- Policy Issues – Shelf Life Extension and Overtime Reimbursement

Mr. Maloney stated that the Interoperability Site-on-Wheels (SOW) Agreement was signed and demonstrated on January 12, 2009.

He then reviewed the historical UASI allocations. The total UASI Award for Baltimore in 2008 was \$11,520,000. For 2009, the award will be from \$9,877,410 - \$12,072,390. He stated that the application from the region was very well received and rated as one of the best submitted.

Mr. Maloney then reviewed the FY '08 allocation shift. He stated that historically, Backup 911, HAXMAT, CMARC, CCTV, and USAR have received the bulk of UASSI funding – continued sustainment. The UAWG recognized critical gaps in mass casualty response. These are:

- \$900,000 for Patient Tracking System
- \$685,050 for Ambulance Buses
- \$415,000 for Alternate Care Sites

Mr. Maloney's next review was of the FY '09 UASI Application. He stated that the application will reflect the allocation of \$10,974,000. Law enforcement must receive \$2,743,725 of the total. The

application is due March 20, 2009. The process is underway and the UAWG met today to consider proposals for the FY '09 application. He then reported on the expected FY '09 projects. They are:

- Expanded medical surge capacity
- LInX
- CCTV in 6 jurisdictions
- Phase III of regional communications interoperability
- Shelter Planning
- Ongoing sustainment for HAZMAT, USAR, Ready? Set? Good!

Mr. Maloney then discussed the Non-Profit Security Grant. He stated that the FY '08 Award Recipients were as follows:

- Annapolis (2) - \$96,450
- Baltimore City (9) - \$473,357
- Baltimore County (5) - \$285,719
- Harford County (20) - \$94,700
- Carroll County (1) - \$32,437

He stated that the FY 08 total is \$982,664.

Mr. Maloney continued by saying that in FY '09 there are 10 applicants. These include three from Baltimore City, two from Baltimore County, four from Howard County and one from Anne Arundel. The awards for these will be announced later this spring.

Mr. Maloney then discussed the Shelf Life Extension Program. He stated that the Baltimore Mass Prophylaxis Cache for biological terrorist attack is ready, but that the SLEP remains an issue. Senator Cardin has responded, with support, to the letter that was sent from the Council. Baltimore must allocate funds in FY '09 to replenish expired Mass "Prophy" Cache.

The last item Mr. Maloney discussed was the overtime and backfill reimbursement. He stated that this is an important policy reversal. The change in the FY '08 Grant Guidance severely limits the amount of overtime and backfill that is reimbursable. He stated that this will have a critical impact on training programs in extremely difficult budget years. The letter of October, 2008 to Assistant Administrator Ashley engaged our homeland security partners nationally. On January 22, 2009, DHS released a policy change that corrected the problem which has a national impact.

#### Planning Directors' Report on Regional Land Use Workshops and Next Steps

County Executive Leopold introduced Ms. McLaughlin, Director of Planning, Howard County, to make this presentation. Ms. McLaughlin discussed the Regional Planning Workshops that took place September 29, October 7, and October 14, 2008. She distributed a handout (attached) that explained the sector definitions and performance indicators.

#### Report on "Visioning Effort" – Scope, Timeline and Cost

County Executive Leopold introduced Frank Johnson, Carroll County Empowered Representative for the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board to discuss this item. Mr. Johnson discussed the "Draft" Vision Plan. Mr. Johnson stated that transportation is a service, a means to an end, rather than a goal or end product for itself. It has a critical impact on almost all aspects of future development. He added that while land use focuses on a single jurisdiction or development, transportation planning focuses on what

those localities can connect to and how they do so. He stated that the concept is that plans should not be developed without a vision for the future. The next step is to consider what becomes a part of that vision planning process. He stated that it is important for the BMC to be aware of concepts that may be part of the discussion, considerations, or even proposals. It will also be important at the outset to consider the expected time commitment for the vision plan. Mr. Johnson stated that while the goal is to support future long term transportation planning, it may not be possible to engage in a complete vision process in time to be fully considered for the next long-range transportation plan to be adopted by the BRTB by November, 2011.

This process also includes a vigorous public process within this effort. It is also important to have significant private, public, group and individual participation solicited by BMC and BRTB members. Also important to this effort are environmental groups, bankers, academics, transportation providers, faith-based and business leaders, health advocates, developers, freight companies, chambers of commerce, municipalities, state General Assembly members, farm bureau and other groups. In addition to this, other individual regional leaders will need to be invited to participate in this long term vision process.

Mr. Johnson then discussed the initial scope of the Vision Plan, which includes, key principles, goals to be achieved, ongoing involvement, breadth of the plan, consideration of past vision and planning efforts, public involvement, public education, practical considerations, and a likely timeline.

#### **Approval of BMC Office Lease at McHenry Row**

Mr. Klimovitz briefed the Board on this item. He distributed the lease as well as highlights (attached) of the lease. He asked for the Board's approval of the lease. County Executive Craig motioned for approval and the motion was seconded by County Executive Ulman. As there were no objections, the motion to approve the lease was approved unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Program Updates**

Mr. Klimovitz presented the Program Updates. The items were as follows:

→ December, 2008 Financials

Mr. Klimovitz presented the income statement for the six months ended December 31, 2008. He reported that the net income was \$50,373.00.

→ FY 2010 Budget

Mr. Klimovitz then reported on the proposed FY 2010 BMC dues and payment structure, including the estimate of UPWP pass through and BRCPC savings.

→ Economic Stimulus Package Candidates

Mr. Klimovitz reported on the efforts to coordinate individual Counties' "stimulus package" projects for assimilation with Statewide projects. Thus far, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, and Howard counties have provided the requested materials.

→ T2035 Amendment Status

The Draft Preferred Alternative of providing \$225 million in funding for regional transit projects has just concluded the public comment period as of January 28, 2009. BRTB action will be scheduled for the February meeting.

→ BRCPC Activities

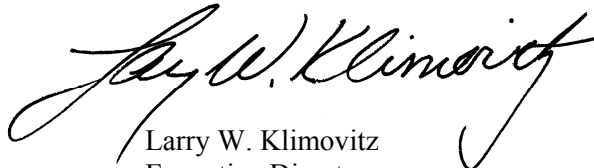
The next update was an update on the BRCPC activities. These activities include: Electricity, Natural Gas, Heating Oil, BMC/HGAC Affiliation, Regional Constricts Information, Public Schools, US Communities, Public Works, BRCPC Documents, Benchmarking, Office Furniture Contract, and BRCPC Meetings. (Attached)

→ SLEP (Shelf Life Extension Program) Responses

The final update was on the Shelf Life Extension Program. Mr. Klimovitz referred to a letter from Senator Ben Cardin in response to the Board's letter regarding regional stockpiles to be included in the SLEP. Senator Cardin stated in his letter that he has asked the Department of Health and Human Services to either respond with viable options for inclusion of non-federal stockpiles in SLEP or provide an explanation and analysis of the Department's conclusion that expanding SLEP is currently not feasible.

As there were no further remarks, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry W. Klimovitz", written in a cursive style.

Larry W. Klimovitz  
Executive Director