



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2008
COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM**

****MINUTES****

- ATTENDEES:** Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa
John Franden, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,
Chair
Nate Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star
Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, **Chair Elect** (via
conference call)
Charlie Rountree, Councilman, for Tammy de Weerd, Mayor,
City of Meridian
Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning
Association, Ex officio
Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, **Vice Chair**
David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,
Secretary/Treasurer
Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association
Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors
Roy Eiguren, Eiguren Public Law and Policy
Terri Schorzman, Community Planning Association
Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair John Franden called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS:

Chair Franden asked for any objections to moving Information/Discussion Item V-A after the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Chair Franden so ordered.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve January 15, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Fred Tilman moved and Charlie Rountree seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Status Report – State Legislative Issues

Roy Eiguren provided an update on the proposed local option tax legislation. He said the House leadership is going to require a constitutional amendment before a hearing on the legislation will occur. He outlined the side bars of the amendment: 1) A cap on the amount of the sales tax that could be imposed not to exceed 8% of goods and services that would ordinarily be taxed under the existing sales tax law; 2) The vote to be conducted on only 2 election dates, the May and November election dates in any given year; and 3) A 66 2/3 vote requirement placed upon the county or city that would be imposing the tax.

Roy added the House leadership feels that a government coalition is behind the legislation and does not feel industry or business is supportive of it. Also, a clear definition of what “regional” means is needed.

After discussion, ***the Executive Committee members expressed their objections to a constitutional amendment. It was agreed that the next step is for Roy and Ken Burgess to continue discussions with the House leadership and legislators.***

Ken Burgess provided an update on the four federal appropriations requests COMPASS submitted totaling \$4 million.

Matt Stoll stated a letter was submitted in support of a joint application for a congestion reduction initiative that the U.S. Department of Transportation called for. Also, a joint application with the Idaho Transportation Department was submitted for a congestion management program looking at expanding dynamic messaging systems and internet services.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Establish March 17, 2008, COMPASS Board Meeting

Matt reviewed staff recommended Agenda Items 1-20 and 22 for the March 27, 2008, COMPASS Board meeting.

After discussion, ***Tom Dale moved and Fred Tilman seconded approval of Agenda Items 1-20 and 22 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.***

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

B. Status Report – COMPASS/VRT Subcommittee

Subcommittee members recapped their February 13, 2008 meeting. They directed Matt Stoll and Kelli Fairless to explore the impact of a merger from two extremes: the status quo and just moving forward and merging. The Subcommittee will meet again after Matt and Kelli have developed a white paper comparing the pros and cons.

The Subcommittee also agreed that it is not necessary to hire an outside consultant at this time.

C. Status Report – Educational Series

Terri Schorzman presented the 2008 Education series, which is part of the implementation strategies for *Communities in Motion*.

D. Discuss COMPASS Board Retreats

Chair Franden discussed the agenda for the May 19, 2008 COMPASS Board retreat, which will be to review the COMPASS/VRT Subcommittee recommendations on the potential merger of the agencies. If the Board reaches a consensus at the May Retreat, a September 2008 Board Retreat will be scheduled to continue discussion of the process.

E. Status Report – Chamber 2008 D.C. Leadership Visit

After discussion, *it was unanimously agreed that as per policy, the current Chair-Elect, Garret Nancolas, will be asked to represent COMPASS at the Boise Chamber's annual Washington D.C. Leadership visit scheduled for May 19 – 21, 2008.*

ADJOURNMENT:

Charlie Rountree moved and Fred Tilman seconded adjournment at 3:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated this 18th day of March 2008.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
*John Franden, Chair
Community Planning Association*

ATTEST:

BY: _____
*Matthew J. Stoll, Executive Director
Community Planning Association*