



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JULY 15, 2008**  
**COMPASS CONFERENCE ROOM**

**\*\*MINUTES\*\***

**ATTENDEES:** Dave Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise, **Vice Chair**  
Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian  
John Franden, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,  
**Chair**  
Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell, **Chair Elect**  
Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning  
Association, Ex officio  
Vicki Thurber, Mayor, City of Middleton  
Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa  
David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County,  
**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Nate Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association  
Ken Burgess, Veritas Advisors  
Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit  
Terri Schorzman, Community Planning Association  
Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair John Franden called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES**

None.

**OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approve June 17, 2008, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Fred Tilman moved and Tammy de Weerd seconded approval of the June 17, 2008, Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Establish August 18, 2008, COMPASS Board Agenda**

Matt Stoll presented staff proposed Agenda Items 1 – 16 for the August 18, 2008, COMPASS Board meeting. Matt stated Agenda Item 13 will be an Action Item and there is a possibility that after discussion today by the Executive Committee, a request from the Ada County Blueprint for Good Growth Consortium may be added to the July or August 2008 Board meeting.

After discussion, *Tammy de Weerd moved and Garret Nancolas seconded approval of the August 18, 2008, COMPASS Board meeting Agenda Items 1-16 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Review Proposed 2009 Legislative Strategy**

Matt Stoll stated that as requested by the Executive Committee, he and Ken Burgess drafted proposed 2009 legislative strategy and protocol for the full Board's consideration at the July 21, 2008, Board meeting.

Ken reviewed a draft Decision Making Policy and a proposed 2009 Legislative Strategy, which is a modified version of what staff tried to implement in 2008 and includes changes based on lessons learned. The broader strategy encompasses three main themes:

- Grass root education and development, i.e., Board members taking part in educating the public and mobilizing the public in some cases on specific policy issues in the legislature.
- Board members individually and the Board collectively developing more personal relationships with the legislators.
- Relationship development with the governor's office.

After discussion, *Chair Franden asked for any objection to staff presenting the proposed 2009 Legislative Strategy and Decision Making Policy to the COMPASS Board on July 21, 2008, with the changes in the Decision Making Policy as outlined by the Executive Committee stating that the Board will establish legislative polices in November of each year from which the Executive Committee acting as the Legislative Committee cannot deviate. The Legislative Committee will act as the sounding board for the Executive Director and Legislative Consultant on other negotiable issues without full Board discussion within the parameters set by the Board. The Board will be notified via email within 24 hours of any action taken by the Legislative Committee. Hearing none, Chair Franden so ordered.*

### **B. Consider Blueprint for Good Growth Request**

Matt Stoll stated he received a request from the Ada County Blueprint for Good Growth Consortium that COMPASS consider taking over the administration of Blueprint as part of the membership services COMPASS provides to Ada County and cities. Matt noted this fits into the overall mission of COMPASS as well as within the key strategies identified in *Communities in Motion*. He noted that since 2004, COMPASS has made an effort to ensure that Blueprint and *Communities in Motion* are married. Matt said for now the effort would be specifically targeted towards fulfilling Blueprints objectives in Ada County. He recommended not bringing it under the COMPASS Board umbrella at this time, but to maintain the existing structure under the Blueprint Consortium and to utilize the business community members on the Steering Committee to help implement the plan.

After discussion, *Matt was directed to have the Finance Committee review what the fiscal impact to COMPASS would be and what duplication of staff efforts would be eliminated, and to bring the request to the full Board for discussion at the August 18, 2008, Board meeting.*

**C. Consider Multi-Year Board and Agency Governance Structure Evaluation**

Chair Franden asked for the Committee's opinion if this is a good time to conduct an evaluation of the Board and agency governance structure and efficiencies.

Matt Stoll noted that what Chair Franden is suggesting would be helpful if the COMPASS and VRT Boards agreed to merge the two agencies.

After discussion, **Chair Franden asked if there was any objection to begin looking at how to evaluate the current structure and how to move forward. Hearing none, Chair Franden so ordered.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Tammy de Weerd moved and Fred Tilman seconded adjournment at 3:34 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Dated this 19th day of August 2008.**

**APPROVED:**

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Franden, Chair  
Community Planning Association**

**ATTEST:**

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

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