

# **SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**7:00 pm Wednesday, April 8, 2009  
Manchester Village Hall**

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order by Chairman Mann at 7:02 PM**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Sign In** – Ron Mann-Chair, Pat Vaillencourt-Vice Chair, Karl Racenis-Recording Secretary, Andrea Bibby (Carlisle-Wortman), George Daubner, Peter DeLoof, Ron Ellison, Laurie Fromhart, Doug Fuller (WCRC), Shirley Haussler, Sybil Kolon, Bill Lewis, Larry Lindemann, Deena McIntosh, Jesse O'Jack, Jessica Ping (WC Commissioner), Melissa Milton-Pung (WC Planning), Tamara Real (Arts Alliance), Jeff Wallace, Marty Way, Dale Weidmayer.
- 4. Introductions**
- 5. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Lewis to approve as published, seconded by Vaillencourt, approved by acclamation.
- 6. Approval of Minutes** – Mar. 2009 Regular meeting – Motion by Lewis to approve as published, seconded by Vaillencourt, approved by acclamation.
- 7. Reports** –
  - a. County Planning Advisory Board,  
Freedom Twp. Master Plan Amendment.  
Tentative date of October 22 or 29 for County Planning Workshop.  
Saline Sustainability Council (Lodi is member) applying for LIAA Grant.  
May 2 Cleanup day at WWRC-Chelsea.
  - b. Other - Mann  
WATS public hearing for long-range transportation plan. Suggest 5:30-7:00 PM presentation at SWWCOG June meeting.
- 8. Washtenaw County Cultural Master Plan – The Arts Alliance**  
Tamara Real – working on for last 2 years on Plan. Slogan to artists “We do what you hate so you can create.” Arts contribution to County was \$165M economic impact, 2600 jobs in 2002. 5000 residents participated in survey. 2/3 respondents said that arts & culture were important in choosing to live in Washtenaw County. Important for locating and retaining talented workers and businesses. 4.6% of County workforce involved in creative sector.
- 9. Exploring future opportunities for collaboration between the local units and the county**  
- County Commissioner Jessica Ping presented “Financial State of the County & Budget Solutions”  
Only non-profit in SWWCOG area funded by County since 2001 is Manchester Community Resource Center for \$7000. Ping is emphasizing non-profit funding for SWWCOG area relative to rest of County. Will keep local units apprised of RFP process.  
\$3.6M funding received from Stimulus package, employment services 400-600 youth, also adults and displaced workers. ETCS (Employment Training Community Services)

Jail is overstaffed due to delay in building new jail. Sheriff trying to develop complete department budget. Very responsive in working with the County.

**10. Future topics/projects**

Schedule Sheriff for next meeting

**11. Roundtable Discussion –**

Bridgewater Township, Fromhart - public hearing on conservation/preservation district.

Freedom Township, application to repeal conditional use for Hickory Sticks golf course.

Sharon Township, Lewis - presentation from Drain Commissioner's office at Board Meeting, also discussed Fire run costs and cost recovery.

Manchester Township, Mann - public hearing for Timber Hill Road special assessment district, Public hearing held for commercial vehicle parking.

Manchester Village, Vaillencourt - discussion about exotic pet ordinance (resident has alligator), struggling with budget, replacing a few trees.

Manchester Schools, Ellison - budget cuts discussed at School Board meeting, 85% of budget is wages & benefits, work funded by recently approved Bond issue will improve Klager School safety.

**12. Other Business**

Doug Fuller – Engineering Dept. will issue map of proposed work, asking for input from Township officials, budget issues being addressed by working on cooperative resources within County such as Parks, AFSCE employees agreed to significant give-back contract (yet to be ratified).

Daubner asked if having double meeting (SWWCOG & JPC) too rushed. Should meetings be separated. Mann suggested possibility of quarterly special topical meetings, but additional meeting not feasible for most members.

**13. Adjourn - Lewis, Weidmayer adjourned at 7:54 PM.**

**The next regular meeting will be May 13, 2009 – Freedom Township Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karl Racenis  
Approved May 13, 2009

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

May 13, 2009	Freedom Township Hall	September 9, 2009	Bridgewater Township Hall
June 10, 2009	Bridgewater Township Hall	October 14, 2009	Village of Manchester
July 8, 2009	<i>No meeting</i>	November 11, 2009	Manchester Comm. Schools
August 12, 2009	Freedom Township Hall	December 9, 2009	Manchester Township Hall