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Agenda Item #	3
Meeting Date	January 8, 2007
Prepared By	Jessie Carpenter City Clerk
Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	2007 Appointments to COG Policy Boards and Committees and the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors
Background	<p>Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Policy Boards and Committees — 2007 Appointments. At the beginning of each term of office and then again annually in January, member governments are invited to review current appointments to COG’s three independent policy boards and several policy advisory committees. Appointments for 2006 are shown on the attachment.</p> <p>Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors. Each year, the City Council designates two Councilmembers to represent the City on the TPVFD Board of Directors.</p>
Policy	Council discusses and identifies individual Councilmembers to serve on the boards and committees. The City Clerk follows-up by notifying COG and the Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department of the appointments for the upcoming year.
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Letter from COG Executive Director and List of Current Appointments
Recommendation	Identify 2007 Appointments
Special Consideration	



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Council

December 8, 2006

Honorable Kathryn H. Porter
Mayor, City of Takoma Park
7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912-5836

Dear Mayor Porter:

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is the only regional organization focused solely on public policy and comprised of local, state and federal elected officials. Its important work is advanced through the leadership of public officials. COG is now seeking appointments or reappointments from the Council of the City of Takoma Park to ensure that your community and the region as a whole have a strong voice on such issues as growth and development, transportation, environmental quality, public safety and health and human services.

At the beginning of each term of office and then again annually in January, member governments are invited to review current appointments to COG's three independent policy boards (the COG Board of Directors, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, and the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee), and several policy advisory committees that support the COG Board of Directors. Each of these boards and committees is comprised largely of elected or appointed officials and is responsible for significant regional policy, planning and program activities at COG.

You are invited to make new appointments or reappoint current members. I have enclosed a table listing previously appointed elected and appointed officials and appointment opportunities for 2007, as well as a brief description of the responsibilities of each policy board and committee. New appointments or reappointments are requested by January 5, 2007.

Again, I look forward to your active participation in COG. Please contact Nicole Hange, COG's board clerk if you have questions or need additional information. She may be reached at 202-962-3231. I may be reached at 202-962-3260.

Sincerely,

David J. Robertson
Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: Mayor Pro Tem Bruce R. Williams
Barbara Matthews, City Administrator
Catherine Waters, City Clerk

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**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REQUEST FOR 2007 APPOINTMENTS AND/OR REAPPOINTMENTS
TO COG POLICY BOARDS/COMMITTEES
CITY OF TAKOMA PARK**

Independent Policy Boards	Current 2006 Appointment(s)	Requested 2007 Appointment(s)	Proposed 2007 Schedule
COG Board of Directors	Bruce Williams	1 Member <i>Alternates (optional)</i>	Monthly noon to 2:00 p.m.- Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9, Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Sep. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board	Kathy Porter <i>Marc Elrich</i>	1 Member <i>Alternates (optional)</i>	Monthly noon to 2:00 p.m.- Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16, Jun. 20, Jul. 18, Sep. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee	Joy Austin-Lane	1 Member <i>Alternates (optional)</i>	Monthly noon to 2:00 p.m. – Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 28, Apr. 25, May 23, Jun. 27, Jul. 25, Sep. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 13
Policy Committees (Subcommittees of the COG Board of Directors)	Current 2006 Appointment(s)	Requested 2007 Appointment(s)	Proposed 2007 Schedule
Metropolitan Development Policy Committee	Colleen Clay	1 Member <i>Alternates (optional)</i>	Bi-monthly 10:00 a.m. to noon – Jan. 10, Mar. 14, May 9, Jul. 11, Sep. 12, Nov. 14
Human Services Policy Committee	Terry Seamens	1 Member <i>Alternate (optional)</i>	Bi-monthly noon to 2:00 p.m. – Feb. 16, Apr. 20, Jun. 15, Aug. 17, Oct. 19, Dec. 21
Public Safety Policy Committee	Terry Seamens	1 Member <i>Alternate (optional)</i>	Bi-monthly noon to 2:00 p.m. – Jan. 19, Mar. 16, May 18, Jul. 20, Sep. 21, Nov. 16
Aviation Policy Committee	Vacant	1 Member <i>Alternate (optional)</i>	Bi-monthly 10:00 a.m. to noon – Jan. 10, Mar. 14, May 9, Jul. 11, Sep. 12, Nov. 14
Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee	Bruce Williams	1 Member <i>Alternate (optional)</i>	Bi-monthly 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. – Jan. 19, Mar.16, May 18, Jul. 20, Sep. 21 and Nov. 16

Notes

Alternates shown in *italics*.

COG POLICY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

INDEPENDENT POLICY BOARDS

COG Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is COG's governing body and is responsible for its overall policies, functions, and funds. Policy items on the agenda are normally generated from COG's policy and technical committees; business or administrative items are usually generated from staff. The Board takes action on committee or staff recommendations, discusses current and emerging multi-jurisdictional problems, and receives briefings on issues facing the region as a whole.

Transportation Planning Board

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region, and plays an important role as the regional forum for transportation planning. With participation from the DC and State Departments of Transportation and the region's local governments, the TPB prepares intermediate-range and long-range plans and programs that permit federal transportation funds to flow to the Washington region.

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) is the entity certified by the mayor of the District of Columbia and the governors of Maryland and Virginia to prepare an air quality plan for the region and insure compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act. MWAQC coordinates air quality planning activities among COG and other entities, including the Transportation Planning Board; reviews policies; resolves policy differences; and forges a regional air quality plan for transmittal to the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia and, ultimately, to the Environmental Protection Agency.

POLICY COMMITTEES

COG's policy committees provide policy direction to subcommittees; review, approve, and generate reports; serve as a forum for debate on a variety of issues; and develop policy recommendations directed to the Board of Directors for consideration and resolution.

Metropolitan Development Policy Committee

The Metropolitan Development Policy Committee (MDPC) reports to the COG Board on regional population growth, economic growth and land use issues.

Public Safety Policy Committee

The Public Safety Policy Committee (PSPC) reviews various issues as they pertain to public safety to help meet the public safety needs of member local governments and their residents. Areas of policy focus include regional emergency plans and agreements; crime

control and anti-terrorism programs; traffic safety campaigns; emergency communications systems; fire safety campaigns; and police and fire statistical reports.

Human Services Policy Committee

The Human Services Policy Committee (HSPC) works on a variety of issues including child welfare, the foster care system; child abuse and neglect; public health, substance abuse control; regional education and training issues; human relations, and human rights.

Aviation Policy Committee

The Aviation Policy Committee's mission is to provide a regional perspective on airport noise and aviation policy matters on behalf of the Washington area's local governments.

Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee

Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee (CBPC) tracks developments under the federal-state Chesapeake Bay Program for implications to local governments and recommends Bay-related policies to the Board. It also considers questions of potable water supply and waste water treatment.