

**CITY OF NEWPORT
AIRLINE SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE
APRIL 7, 2010
MEETING NOTES**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. In attendance were Don Lindly, Patricia Patrick-Joling, David Jincks, Gene Cossey, Mark McConnell, Jim Voetberg, and Peggy Hawker.

CONNECTOREGON III GRANT UPDATE

Cossey reported that he and Voetberg made a presentation before the CWACT. He noted that the presentation was well received. He added that the net review is the technical committee later this week, and another presentation later in April. Voetberg reported that Cossey had done a great job, and that the CWACT seemed positive about the project.

Lindly noted that the committee will reconvene on April 22 and prioritize the projects. He added that there are six projects in this area. On April 29, the projects will go to the Super Act for Region 2 for further review. In May, the statewide committee meets for two days to discuss all projects. He added that the Oregon Transportation Commission will make the final decision in June.

Patrick asked what can be done to promote the application. Lindly suggested engaging Jean Cowan. It was noted that the NOAA project and associated transportation requirements needs to be reinforced. McConnell suggested obtaining a letter from NOAA regarding their transportation needs. It was noted that Cossey will develop a template for support letters, and that all letters should be forwarded to him. Lindly suggested that the Oregon Aviation Commission should be contacted. He noted that it would be good to have a letter from the Port regarding the fishing community and its commute to Alaska through Seattle. Patrick suggested obtaining letters from George Boehlert at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. She volunteered to contact him and ask for a letter by the beginning of May. It was suggested that other requests for support letters should go to the DPA, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County, Rogue Brewery, Oregon Coast Community College, JoAnne Verger, Jean Cowan, and Will Emery and Bonnie Serken.

CONSULTANT FOR THE TASK FORCE - UPDATE ON RFP AND SELECTION PROCESS

Cossey reported that Mead and Hunt submitted the most responsive proposal. He added that the draft report will be available within sixty days of signing the agreement, and that Mead and Hunt will do additional follow-up work as

requested. Cossey will e-mail all proposals to Patrick. Voetberg noted that a work product can be drafted and defined in the agreement.

OTHER BUSINESS

A discussion ensued regarding SeaPort's progress on obtaining an interline ticketing agreement. It was noted that the City Council authorized an extension to obtain the interline ticketing agreement until May 1. It was reported that SeaPort is working with Orbitz.

Voetberg noted that information can be gleaned from the Mead and Hunt report to be used in a sustainability presentation to this group.

McConnell suggested including the airport's future infrastructure needs in Cossey's report.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled at the conclusion of the Mead and Hunt study and the preparation of Cossey's report on sustainability. It was noted that the ConnectOregon III grant application will likely be decided by this meeting, along with the interline ticketing agreement, and aircraft and scheduling issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.