

**Westshore Council of Governments (WCOG) meeting, January 14, 2015
by LWV observers Marty Mace and Susan Murnane (Bay Village).**

This report is not an official LWV statement. Mayor Sutherland's office prepares official minutes, which are posted on Bay Village's website.

Present: Mayors Sutherland (Bay Village), Bobst (Rocky River), Summers (Lakewood), Clough (Westlake) Patton (Fairview Park)

Absent: Mayor Kennedy (North Olmsted)

Also present: Fiscal Officer Renee Mahoney; District 1 County Councilman Dave Greenspan; Legal Advisor Gary Ebert; Jason Phillips (Clean Fuels Ohio), Christine Volka and Mr. Sanders (Clean Cities Coalition); and Fire Chiefs Lyons (Bay Village), Hughes (Westlake), Hernen (Avon Lake), Raffin (Fairview Park) and Leonard (Rocky River)

Start: 9:40; 11:15 Executive Session (personnel)

Mayor Sutherland welcomed everyone to Bay Village as chairperson for her third time and praised the group as a model for collaboration among area governments.

RTA: Increased sales tax collections are improving RTA's budget outlook. Mayor Sutherland thanked Mr. Calabrese for help replacing Bay Village's Lake Road bus shelters. All members complimented Mayor Summers on Lakewood's new Clifton Boulevard bus shelters.

NOACA: Cuyahoga County is 86th of 88 counties in license plate fee retention. NOACA is considering hiring a lobbyist to increase funding from these fees as well as ODOT.

Land Bank: Mayors Bobst and Sutherland are working to resolve issues with vacant properties.

County Planning Commission: Lakewood is using the Commission on active living facilitation. The Commission is helping Rocky River and Fairview Park update their Master Plans. Bay Village is seeking a grant to update its Master Plan.

Cuyahoga County Mayors & City Managers Association: CCMCMA is consulting with ODNR on controlling urban deer. North Olmsted is planning a helicopter survey, which must be completed during the winter. Lakewood and Fairview Park have not experienced the problems with deer that the other communities have.

Clean Fuels Ohio: This nonprofit organization promotes cleaner domestic fuels and efficient vehicles. Jason Phillips gave a presentation on alternative fuels for city fleets to decrease petroleum use without favoring propane or natural gas. The recent drop in gasoline prices has reduced the immediate advantage of converting most vehicles. However, savings can still be realized by converting large diesel trucks to compressed natural gas.

Clean Fuels Ohio leverages funding from the DOE, EPA, and State by writing grants and helping with feasibility studies. The mayors expressed interest in a feasibility study, which requires a 10% match. WCOG is unlikely to meet this quarter's March 8 application deadline.

WeShare: This collaboration among Fire Departments, the Cleveland Clinic, and University Hospitals provides medical oversight by defining protocols and training paramedics. Lakewood and Fairview Park Fire Departments approached their mayors about improving support for SWAT medics. These two cities have decided to leave WeShare and get medical oversight from Metro Hospital. Mayor Bobst expressed concern about deterioration of a 40-year collaboration. Chief Raffin of Fairview Park assured the group that this would have no effect on the ability of cities to work together. Chief Lyons of Bay Village urged Lakewood and Fairview Park to maintain "associate" status within WeShare to be involved in any future proceedings. WCOG decided to take this up at a later date with WeShare.

Westshore Enforcement Bureau: Ms. Mahoney proposed a 2% pay increase for WEB's six employees. They have received 0% over the past couple years. The workload has increased with area heroin abuse. Mayors Patton and Bobst stated they could not support 2% when their law enforcement employees received 1.75% and 1.5% respectively. The measure passed 3-2 with Mayors Patton and Bobst voting against.

Mr. Greenspan: Bay Village and North Olmsted received funding from the County Road Reimbursement Program. Mayor Clough stated that stopping improvement at the city line as done on Bradley Road made no sense and should continue to an intersection. Mr. Greenspan stated he would look into the policy.

Mr. Greenspan will hold a town hall meeting at Bay Village Police Station on January 22nd. It was suggested that he invite County Executive Armond Budish to a WCOG meeting to witness first hand the cooperation among the cities. Mr. Greenspan stated Mr. Budish will speak at his March town hall meeting in Fairview Park.

AGENDA

Westshore Council of Governments Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Bay Village City Hall
350 Dover Center Rd.
440-899-3416

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2014
4. Commission Reports
 - A. RTA
 - B. NOACA
 - C. Land Bank
 - D. County Planning Commission
 - E. Cuyahoga County Mayors & Managers Association
5. Jason Phillips, Clean Fuels Ohio
6. Old Business
 - A. We Shared
7. New Business



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To: Mayors of the Westshore Council of Governments

From: Renee Mahoney, Fiscal Agent

Date: January 7, 2015

Re: 2015 Pay Rates for WEB Employees

I would ask you to consider a 2% increase in pay for the following positions with the Westshore Enforcement Bureau (WEB):

<u>Position</u>	<u>2014 Annual Rate</u>	<u>2015 Annual Rate</u>
Special Agent in Charge	72,737.60	74,192.35
Special Enforcement Agent 1	49,816.00	50,812.32
Special Enforcement Agent 2	51,833.60	52,870.27
Fiscal Officer	8,621.60	8,794.03
Youth Prevention & Education Specialist	29,140.80	29,723.62
Administrative Assistant	24,453.00	24,942.06

If this meets with your approval I would ask for a motion at the next meeting to be held January 14, 2015.