

**Approved by a vote of the Committee – October 17, 2012**

**CMRPC Legislative Affairs Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2012**

**Present:** Tom Gregory, Kristen Garza, Kristin Wood, Leon Gaumond, Adam Gaudette,  
Sherry Patch (Quorum - yes)  
**Staff:** Larry Adams, Trish Settles  
**Absent:** Shaun Suhoski

**1. Call to order – 3:04pm**

**2. Review of the Minutes:**

***A motion was made, seconded and all presented voted to approve the minutes of August 14, 2012.***

**3. Committee goals and direction (Discussion with Larry Adams)**

Larry indicated that the Executive Committee reactivated the Legislative Affairs Committee to have a more municipal focus. The LAC role is not to be lobbyists but to create opportunities to build better dialogues with our legislative caucus.

There was some concern whether our member municipalities might create conflict by advocating for an issue that might run contrary to CMRPC as an agency. We want to create a regular dialogue between the parent agency (CMRPC) and the LAC to ensure that the committee meets its expectations.

Larry indicated that we want to support programs and issues that promote regionalization as broadly defined.

Communication between the LAC and the Executive committee can happen in the form of a written summary or via the LAC Liaison (Kristen Garza). We don't want to be a rogue committee ruffling feathers.

**4. November 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative Breakfast - Unfunded mandates**

**a. Agenda**

- i. Welcome and Introduction (Shaun or LAC Cmte member)
- ii. Brief review of committee goals and legislative priorities survey (Shaun or LAC Cmte member)
- iii. Review agenda (Shaun or LAC Cmte member)
- iv. Set stage for challenges facing municipalities, list from Suburban Coalition, proposed legislation (copies available), efforts in Shrewsbury collaborative – Home rule petition strategy
- v. Auditor Bump presents success in developing creative ways to address local mandates such as that with the transportation for homeless students portion of the McKinney Vento bill.
- vi. Topical Facilitators
  1. Chapter 70 - Sherry and Maureen
  2. Chapter 74 - Adam
  3. Unemployment benefits - Leon

4. Stormwater - Adam?
5. Veterans Agent - Tom
- vii. Legislator Questions/Response and Commentary
- viii. Audience Questions and Answer/Dialogue
- b. Legislator Outreach
- c. Audience outreach
  - i. School districts
  - ii. Suburban coalition
  - iii. Sponsors of the bill (should have a role)

It was noted that it is Important to know action/follow up for legislators. Larry suggested we reach out to John Robertson as an ally with great experience.

5. Next meeting date: Wednesday, October 17th at 1:30pm in Conference Room at CMRPC.
6. No further announcements or new Businesses
7. Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

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