

WELL Coordinating Committee Minutes, 11-12-07

All CoCom members present except Jason. Also attending part of the time: RJ and Freddie. Tim facilitating; Madge taking minutes.

1. 3rd Quarter Report, by Freddie. It's been reworked to be simpler, and will continue to evolve (e.g. RLNK will become line item instead of separate column). Question re: \$340 item, which was \$62.50 each to 4 schools for the water program, plus \$90 in scholarships for SolFest. The \$969 transportation item was for film-maker Greg to attend Escape from Suburbia, which will be mostly offset by income from the Noyo (just received). Note that 215 people saw the film.

The Global Fund's dates for this year's grant run to Oct. 31 instead of end of year. Liam will check if that can be adjusted. Otherwise, we should be flagged 2 months ahead to be sure we've spent the funds by the deadline.

We need a 2008 Budget. Jason, Freddie (as volunteer) and Liam will prepare a draft and bring to CoCom.

CoCom has until 11-19 to comment on Freddie's 3rd Quarter report, then will vote by email to OK its being made available to general public.

2. CalTrans Sustainable Communities Grant: There will be a meeting to work on our proposal this Thursday noon at WELL office, with RJ, Ellen & David Drell, Brian, Liam, Quinton and others wanting to be involved (possibly Jason, Tim, Patti Bruder). The City will be the applicant, with WELL as primary agent doing the work, incl. organizing focus groups, local meetings, hiring contracted work & billing city. Alan Falleri will be involved, but must keep his time commitment minimal (similar to MCOG's person on a previous grant with Laytonville, which amounted to @ 8 hrs/mo). Liam should try to get a copy of MCOG's grant application; helpful to know what's included. Deadline for application is 1/11/08 (unless it's delayed again). There are two options for category of grant: community-based transport, and environmental justice (for distressed communities, for which we probably qualify).

After discussion, it was approved to continue developing the grant application with Quinton as lead person and to authorize \$150 for his current transportation costs.

RJ noted that he has done lots of work & has lots of info on transportation options; it was an oversight that he was not included in early meetings on this. Liam confesses it was his oversight that RJ was not included in early meetings on this.

3. Light Railbus Project, by Michael H.: Michael would like to apply for private foundation grants under the umbrella of WELL's 501c3 for this R&D project, first phase at \$37K, that would run for 6 months and employ about 4 locals. WELL's 7.5% for administration would be @ \$2,600.

A motion to authorize Michael to develop such a grant application, contingent on an appropriate MOU, failed (4-1-with Michael recused). We instead authorized Liam to work with Michael to draft an MOU.

4. Office Sign: Still awaiting info from Malakai & Jerry Jo. Meanwhile Tim will draw several design options to send to CoCom. Hopefully decide at next meeting.
5. Fund Appeal Letter, by Mary: Several ideas for tightening up the letter. Mary & Liam will finalize. Mary will sign on behalf of all CoCom.
6. Willits Works on Water: City has received \$323K grant. WELL's part is to do documentary video (Al Rosen) and conduct tours of demo projects. Contract will be worked on this Fri. evening (potluck) at the Parches. Michael S., probably Jason (& possibly others?) will attend.
7. Michael Schuman: GULP is having him speak in late January. Liam will check on cost & schedule options for us to decide next meeting whether to have him also speak here in Willits.
8. Baechtel Grove yearbook ad: They've invited us to place an ad in their yearbook. CoCom approved a ½ page ad, for \$125.
9. Tim's Questions: Although we ran out of time this meeting, Tim would like these items discussed soon. Liam will send out relevant documents (last year's strategic plan, Wallace Fund report & matrix, etc.) that will help us get up to speed.

Next meeting is Mon. Dec. 3 at noon, with Michael H. volunteering to facilitate. Send any agenda suggestions to Liam. CoCom decided that draft minutes are subject to comments & revisions from CoCom members for one week. Then minutes (revised if needed) can be approved by email so they can be made available to members (rather than waiting to approve at next CoCom mtg).

Note:

Received November 19, 2007; a written note from Kimbal Dodge:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am offering my resignation from the WELL Coordinating Committee as of this date.

My reasons for this decision are purely personal, not political. The current CC group has my full support.

Sincerely,

Kimbal Dodge