



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAA) Board Meeting Minutes

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Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAA)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Board Members Present:

Gerald Bennett, CMAA Board Chair-representing southwest Cook County, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Alan Bennett-representing suburban Cook County, Susan Campbell-representing the City of Chicago, Joe Deal-representing the City of Chicago, Michael Gorman-representing Cook County, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, Marilyn Michelini-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, Heather Weed Niehoff-representing the City of Chicago, Raul Raymundo-representing the City of Chicago, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Dan Shea-representing McHenry County, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee

Board Members Absent:

Roger Claar-representing Will County, Al Larson-representing northwest Cook County and Rick Reinbold-representing South Suburban Cook County.

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Ylda Capriccioso, Dan Olson and Sherry Kane

Others Present:

Allison Bos-SW Conference, Len Cannata-WCMC, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Debra Marionne-General Contractor, Vicky Smith-SW Conference and Tammy Wierciak-WCMC.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAA Board Chair, Mayor Gerald Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Gerald Bennett announced that board member Joe Deal would be leaving the CMAA Board. Board Chair Mayor Bennett and Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn both expressed thanks for the work Joe had done representing the City of Chicago, since

2009, under two mayors. Deal having appreciated the opportunity to serve, likewise expressed thanks to fellow board members and CMAP staff.

Mayor Bennett also announced that a new Board member, representing the City of Chicago, had recently been appointed and welcomed Heather Weed Niehoff.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 joint Board and MPO Policy Committee meeting as presented, made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini, was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Briefly, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that a special meeting of the MPO Policy Committee had been called to consider a special air quality conformity analysis for a project, requested by IDOT. The analysis has been completed and was released for public comment on November 3. Blankenhorn also reported, regarding the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, that the Local Coordinating Committee had a lengthy discussion at its meeting earlier in the day; that he and Don Kopec, as well as Rae Rupp Srch had attended the AMPO conference in Dallas and Kopec had been elected as an officer to serve on their Board.

5.0 Procurements

A motion to approve a contract award to Solomon Cordwell Buenz in the amount of \$80,000 for renderings, illustrations and other visualizations for Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects, made by Alan Bennett was seconded by Elliott Hartstein. All in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

Elliott Hartstein, Chair of the Local Coordinating Committee, reported that the Coordinating Committee had met earlier in the morning and discussed the following. *Local Technical Assistance (LTA) project report:* Some of the initial LTA projects are nearly complete; the committee will be hearing from the sponsors of these projects over the coming months. This morning, Allison Milld, Housing Director with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, described their partnership with CMAP on the *Homes for a Changing Region* program, which is addressing housing in four communities in the south suburbs. *Schedule for future applications:* The committee discussed the timing of future calls for projects for LTA projects as well as grants. CMAP intends to continue to coordinate with the RTA, with the next call for projects to be issued in the spring of 2012, and the application and selection process continuing through the summer into early fall. *Grants and procurements:* In addition to staff assistance, a number of LTA projects are being supported by grant funding by either large grants that cover the entire project, or small contracts that complement CMAP's staff assistance. The committee discussed the grants and contracts awarded to date as well as future expectations. *Sustainable Communities Initiative* and its future funding outlook: CMAP's LTA program is funded through the federal Sustainable Communities Initiative. Randy Blankenhorn discussed CMAP's approach to working with our Congressional representatives to emphasize the value of the LTA program.

7.0 State Legislative Update

There was not much to add outside the material that was included in the Board memo, CMAP staff Ylda Cappriccioso reported. Board Chair Mayor Bennett reported that the Illinois Municipal League (IML) will introduce legislation in the spring session related to non-home rule municipalities that will help to regulate rental properties and keep up with changes in the region.

8.0 Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) Update and Presentation

CMAP staff Dan Olson gave a programmatic overview and update on the Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) program, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to the Department of Energy's Better Buildings Neighborhood Program. A total of \$452 million was granted to 25 communities, with the Chicago region (and Rockford) having been awarded \$25 million. Olson reported that after more than a year of extensive procurement of the program, as of October 31, 2011, the program is now up and running. Olson reported the key barriers addressed in the program design, highlighted the two Bills (big Bill, little Bill) marketing campaign and the Energy Impact Illinois website drawing attention to the My Home EQ page and EQ scoring on the residential side as well as the residential loan programs that assist homeowners in making qualifying improvements through authorized contractors. Multi-family buildings, businesses, and government or non-profits could also benefit, Olson continued. Olson covered next steps and addressed feedback given by the Board, primarily related to getting the word out to COGs, municipalities, chambers of commerce and businesses.

9.0 GO TO 2040 Implementation

Following up on last month's meeting and the Board's discussion on policy direction related to transportation, this month the Board was asked to address CMAP's efforts in water resources, both in the area of water supply and watershed planning. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that *Water 2050* was a remarkable product and within the context of dedicated funding to water resources, staff needs to know where to concentrate its [water supply planning] efforts within the following three areas: education, policy and research, or technical assistance. Since price will drive conservation, one suggestion included identifying a neutral 3rd party inter-jurisdictional group addressing data collection to determine real costs. Regarding water supply, Blankenhorn recapped: research along with education at local residential and business levels are necessary with CMAP acting as "conservation advocate". Regarding watershed planning, Blankenhorn continued, value is easily seen but when completing 2, 3 or 4 per year, it will take some time to get to 170. A new law involving the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and affecting 8 sub-regions is expected and CMAP was asked to strengthen its relationship with MWRD and to complete watershed planning projects already in progress. The Board did not discuss the Facility Planning Area (FPA) review process.

10.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

11.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

12.0 Next Meeting

The December Board Meeting was cancelled; the Board meets next on January 11, 2012, and the Regional Coordinating Committee will meet on December 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

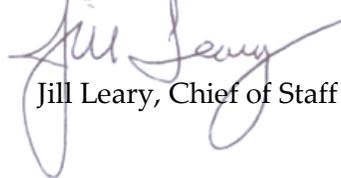
13.0 Executive Director Performance Review

A motion to move to Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel was made by Alan Bennett and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor the motion carried. At the conclusion of the executive session, Board Chair Mayor Bennett announced and a motion made by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini, to extend the Executive Director's contract for another year with an increase in salary similar to that given to the CMAP staff. All in favor, the motion carried.

14.0 Adjournment

At 11:08 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Leary, Chief of Staff

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, January 11, 2012