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Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2007

9:30 a.m.

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

- Board Members Present:** Rita Athas (Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago), Frank H. Beal (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan 2020), Gerald Bennett (Mayor, Palos Hills), Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Village of Forest Park), Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove), Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), Marilyn Michelini, (President, Montgomery), Raul Raymundo (Executive Director, Resurrection Project), Rae Rupp Srch, (Former President, Villa Park), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board Member) and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP).
Non-Voting Members: Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-CATS), Edward Paesel (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association-NIPC)
- Absent:** Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale), Andre Rice (President, Muller & Monroe Asset Management) and Michael Smith-Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox)
- Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Bola Delano, Dolores Dowdle, Ron Thomas, Don Kopec, Tom Garritano, Joy Schaad, Kerry Leigh and Sherry Kane
- Others Present** Les Nunes-IDOT, David Seglin-CDOT, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Chalen Hunter-North Shore COM/NWMC, Doug McLaughlin-Metra, Kit Hodge-MPC, Jack Davis-CM2020, Maria Choca Urban-CM2020, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, Holly Ostdick-McCOM, Stephen Vaughn, Jonathan Tremper-RTA, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Vicky Smith-SWCOM, Mike Walczak,-NWMC, Tom Cuculich-

DuPage Co., Mark Avery-DuPage Co., Erin Willrett-KKCOM, Beth McCluskey-WCMC, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Cristina Siepel-TRP, Rick Curneal-DMMC, Andrew Plummer-RTA, Joel Stauber-CMAP CAC, Rebecca Costanzo-532 W. Roscoe Street, #262, Chicago.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the CMAP Board called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Board members introduced themselves.

II. Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes to the agenda. Under announcements, CMAP's Employee of Month for January, Matt Rogus, was recognized by the Board with Board Chair Jerry Bennett presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation and a \$25 VISA gift card.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Near the close of the meeting, a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2006 board meeting, as presented, was made by Elliott Hartstein and seconded by Marilyn Michelini. All in favor, the motion carried.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Under Transition/Staffing, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn announced two new additions to CMAP staff in Dolores Dowdle, Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Administration and Bob Dean who joins the Planning Group under the direction of Ron Thomas. January 1 marked the merge of most of the staff, Blankenhorn also reported with work continuing on the integration of the IT network. Plus, Blankenhorn, before year's end, was able to meet with every member of the staff by administrative group.

The final agenda for the Innovation + Integration, February 6, 2007 conference was distributed this morning, Blankenhorn continued. It is believed that this is an opportunity to look at linking jobs, housing and transportation and what it means to local government. A large turnout is expected with examples from both inside and outside the region. Also, at the conference, Blankenhorn reported, the regional snapshot (a new CMAP publication) will be ready for distribution at the conference. This document is basically a "where we are now" report, that includes comparisons to both national and international peers, while establishing a baseline for future measure.

The Regional Water Supply Planning Group (RWSPG) meets January 23, 2007, Blankenhorn continued. A few additional municipal and one county appointment will be named to the group chaired by Karen McConnaughay. The 3-year, 11-county project will examine the differences of lake versus non-lake Michigan water users.

Regarding legislative initiatives, Blankenhorn reported that the general assembly has kicked off its 95th session and expounded on the details contained in his Legislative Initiatives memo to the Board of January 9, 2007 that sparked a lengthy conversation primarily related

to the issue of re-designation of the MPO, with many Board members weighing in on the topic. In the short-term, CMAP Executive Director, while maintaining already established goodwill and trust is instructed to report this discussion to the policy committee (scheduled to meet January 11, 2007). Blankenhorn advises that staff will keep the board informed of what goes on in Springfield and when decisions regarding legislative initiatives are required by the board, CMAP Executive Committee will be notified. Also reported is the RTA will be unveiling its pitch for major funding of both operational and capital programs. CMAP support and endorsement will be sought perhaps through a presentation at the coordinating committee level. This program may also provide CMAP an opportunity to capture a dedicated funding source. Blankenhorn agreed that as soon as is possible after the release of the initiative, staff analysis will begin and reported at the February 14 meeting of the board.

The possibility of a legislative day in Springfield for CMAP is also to be considered to address issues that are important in the region. Trying still to arrange a hearing here in Chicago on our report so that partners and the other nearly 3000 who offered feedback can also comment before the General Assembly. This may be done in conjunction with editorial briefings that would include board members, if possible, to talk about what we are doing in the spring.

Blankenhorn also reported that invitations had been sent to join CMAP's working committees, that chairs and vice-chairs of the committees will sit on the coordinating committees and that presently, both the coordinating level committees (Planning and Programming) are scheduled to meet at 8:00 a.m. on February 14th.

The CMAP Committee Structure is presented for Board approval. Members of the Planning Committee, chaired by Mayor Michael Smith, are: Rae Rupp Srch, Frank Beal, Andre Rice, Elliott Hartstein, Al Larson, Zenovia Evans and Ed Paesel. Members of the Programming Committee, chaired by Rita Athas, include: Raul Raymundo, Dan Shea, Anthony Calderone, Marilyn Michelini, Nigel Telman, Calvin Jordan and Stephen Schlickman. A motion to approve the naming of the respective board members to the two committees is made by Al Larson and seconded by Marilyn Michelini. All in favor, the motion carried.

A request for proposal for a compensation analysis examining both internal and external comparisons is expected to be awarded very soon in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. And, a request is being developed to solicit proposals for intergovernmental affairs assistance at the federal level to create a presence in Washington where funding opportunities may occur. A relatively small contract, around \$30,000 would likely result in a couple of trips to the hill and perhaps some policy analyses at the federal level. Not requesting approval, since the contracts will actually be run through NIPC and approved by the commission, rather that this board should be informed.

V. Joint Memorandum of Understanding

The last time this board made a recommendation for the approval of two members of the policy committee to serve on the programming and planning committees and two members of our board to sit on the policy committee. Since then, GB talked to Secretary Martin who had no problem with that structure. If the Board continues to recommend two people, then

that should be the policy, unless they've changed since. Still want 2? Yes. No additional vote and Randy when you talk to the policy committee tomorrow, we still recommend that two people sit on that committee. However, the policy committee has not met since the CMAP board last met. The matter is expected to be discussed at tomorrow's policy committee meeting.

VI. FY 2008 Work Program and Funding

A fiscal year 2008 budget discussion is slated for the February meeting and Blankenhorn offered an update of where we are after internal discussions regarding needs for FY 2008 that begins July 1, 2007. Basically expected are relatively minor increases over last year with changes primarily associated with the reallocation of resources within the Agency. Given the nature of some projects outside of transportation such as water supply and housing, additional staff may be necessary. However neither staff nor budget are expected to increase more than 10%, which is reasonable considering the significance of the work we will do this year versus last from a staff level. To answer the question of where the funding come from, Blankenhorn continued there is a very significant amount of funding that will continue to come from our existing federal processes and while matching and local funds are still at issue, those will continue to be pursued. Asked if the Executive Committee will serve Finance, the budget discussion will take place first at the Executive Committee and then the full Board.

VII. Projects of Regional Significance

For discussion purposes, Blankenhorn reported that a pilot project is being pursued with the Village of Rolling Meadows and quite possibly with the Village of Schaumburg. It is hoped that by working with an actual project, questions such as the following can be answered. How do we consider projects of regional significance? What are the criteria, threshold, how does the project roll into work that has already been done? How do impacts occur? What is regionally significant? What will we need legislatively? What do we consider regionally significant? Is it always a project? Could it be policy? For instance, recently one community annexed 30,000 acres; that seems fairly significant. We will not want to duplicate any existing effort (i.e., NEPA) and there is a lot we don't know yet. After next week's meeting, we should know more about whether we need to do something legislatively or if we should go a little slower. The board's position has been that we should pursue this and we hope to report more over the coming weeks.

VIII. Other Business

Chair Gerald Bennett asked that Marilyn Michelini be appointed CMAP representative at the National Association of Regional Councils, NARC. A motion by Elliott Hartstein was seconded by Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

IX. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

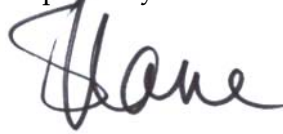
X. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CMAP Board is scheduled for February 14, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Shea, seconded by Mayor Larson, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherry Kane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sherry Kane, Exec. Asst.

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Approved, as presented by unanimous vote, March 14, 2007