



Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2007

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), Gerald Bennett (Mayor, Palos Hills), Roger Claar (Mayor, Bolingbrook), Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale), Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), Marilyn Michelini, (President, Montgomery), Raul Raymundo (Executive Director, Resurrection Project), Andre Rice (President, Muller & Monroe Asset Management), Rae Rupp Srch, (Representing DuPage County), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board). **Non-Voting Members:** Edward Paesel (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association-NIPC) and Tom Cuculich (Director Economic Development & Planning DuPage County for Stephen Schlickman).

Absent: Frank H. Beal (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolis 2020), Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Village of Forest Park), Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township), Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP) and Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-CATS),

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Don Kopec, Tom Garritano and Sherry Kane

Others Present: Mark Avery-DuPage County, Lynnette Ciavanella-Metra, Jack Darin-Siera Club, Jack Groner-Metra, Hugh O'Hara-WCMC, and Wally Van Buren-IAWA.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills, CMAP Board Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., and asked that Board members introduce themselves. Bennett also welcomed

CMAP's newest board member Roger Claar, Mayor of the Village of Bolingbrook who will represent Will County.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

In the essence of time, the Employee of the Month recognition was deferred until next month.

3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2007 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and seconded by Mayor Zenovia Evans. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the agency's FY 08 Work Plan that had been revised and updated was included in the Board packet and beginning in November and on a quarterly basis a progress report on the projects will be provided to the Board. A summary of the work of the Working Committees was also distributed for informational purposes. Blankenhorn also stated, again for informational purposes and discussion next month, referred to by NIPC as project notifications, are projects funded federally by a number of different agencies, primarily US DOT, that were brought in with an opportunity for comments by neighboring communities, the NIPC Commission reviewed them but did not analyze the projects and approved them on "expression of general support". Blankenhorn recommended that instead this practice and staff effort producing the report should be examined and suggested that these projects be considered as the Projects of Regional Importance process is created. Approval is not being sought today, Blankenhorn reiterated, rather to be considered and discussed next month.

For approval, however is CMAP's first annual report. Required under the enabling legislation, the very basic report is an outline of last year's activities and meant to be a recap from a business stand point. A motion to approve and release the Annual Report by Rae Rupp Srch is seconded by Mayor Zenovia Evans. Board members were pleased with the content and special recognition was given to Tom Garritano, the report's principal author.

The matter of changes to the by-laws will be deferred until SB 1201 becomes law. Lastly, Blankenhorn reported that CMAP will staff a booth at this year's Illinois Municipal League Conference, October 18-20 and board members are encouraged to stop by and talk to people about what is happening at CMAP.

5.0 Election of Officers

Dan Shea, on behalf of the Nominating Committee reported the committee's slate of officers, as follows:

Gerald R. Bennett, Chair
Rita R. Athas, 1st Vice-Chair
Elliott Hartstein, 2nd Vice-Chair
Al Larson, At Large
Rae Rupp Srch, At Large
Nigel Telman, At Large

A motion by Dan Shea that the recommendation of the Nominating Committee be approved as reported was seconded by Raul Raymundo. All in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Legislative Update

Called upon to give a legislative update, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the Governor approved SB 1201 with an amendatory veto taking out the language related to the creation of waste water committee. This means that action is needed in both the House and the Senate to either concur with the amendatory veto or override the veto, before the bill becomes law. Since it is a Senate bill it needs to go back to the Senate first. The bill needs to be read into the record and within 15 days the Senate can concur or override the Governor's veto. The bill would then go the House, and again within 15 days they could concur or override the veto. Two real issues are timing and the Senate and the House have to take the same action. If the Senate was called in and the 15 day period started, and the House was not to meet, the bill would be dead. Working with the bill's sponsors, Blankenhorn continued, it is assumed that both the Senate and the House would override the veto. The sponsors have been advised that to deal with this in a veto session would cause CMAP some financial problems in that the \$3.5 million appropriated to CMAP would not be accessible. Blankenhorn fielded questions regarding the veto, finances and a "plan B". The trailer bill establishing Governor's appointments to the CMAP Board did not get introduced in this session and CMAP will continue to work with them understanding the need to have a relationship with the governor's office.

7.0 Agency Funding Update

Regarding funding, Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that July invoices have not been paid by IDOT, but CMAP has received assurances that they will be processed as soon as possible. Until the \$3.5 million comes from SB 1201, there will always be funding issues, simply because IDOT billing is for the reimbursement of funds already spent. When queried regarding voluntary contributions, Blankenhorn stated that contributions came in last year slightly above expectations. Having assumed the additional \$3.5 million resulting from SB 1201, the program has all but been discontinued. Conversations have occurred with some of the larger organizations for minor contributions that might cover expenses that cannot be paid from state or federal funds. It is expected that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will not send its 2007 contribution.

8.0 Facility Planning Areas (FPA)

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported the following regarding FPAs. At a previous meeting, 3 members of the CMAP Board were appointed to a waste-water committee that was to result from language in SB 1201. With the Governor's veto, however, NIPC still exists and still has responsibility for waste-water planning. At their last meeting in June, the NIPC Commission transferred its authority to the CMAP Board and in doing said stated that CMAP would create a waste-water committee. The three board members appointed were Frank Beal, Zenovia Evans and the newest Board Member representing Will County, Mayor Roger Claar. A motion made by Mayor Elliott Hartstein that on an interim basis and/or until SB 1201 is passed, a waste-waster committee be appointed consisting of three CMAP board members, a member of the suburban waste water agencies and a member from MWRD is seconded by Mayor Zenovia Evans and all in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments

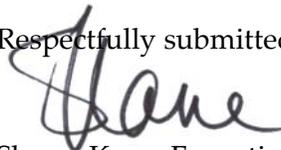
11.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board is scheduled to meet again on October 10, 2007.

12.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Rae Rupp Srch, seconded by Dan Shea and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Kane, Executive Assistant

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote October 10, 2007.