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Board Meeting Minutes

November 28, 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: Frank H. Beal (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolis 2020), 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), Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP) and Leanne Redden (for Stephen Schlickman).

Absent: Rita Athas (Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago), Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Village of Forest Park, Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township) and Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-CATS),

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Don Kopec, Dolores Dowdle, Bola Delano, Tom Garritano, Patricia Berry, Joy Schaad, Matt Maloney and Sherry Kane.

Others Present: Mark Avery-DuPage County, Mark Pitstick-RTA, Ariel Jacobs-CM2020, Len Cannata-WCMC, Joel Stauber-CMAP CAC, Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference of Mayors, Chalen Hunter-McHenry County, Mike Payette-Union Pacific/CREATE, Chris DiPalma-FHWA, Dave Seglin-CDOT, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Heidi Files-KDOT, Erin Willrett-Kane Kendall Council of Mayors, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Steve Lazzarr-Will County and Mike McLaughlin-MPC.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills, CMAP Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., and asked that Board members introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. CMAP's Employee of the Month, Sef Okoth-September 2007 and Lee Deuben-August 2007 were recognized.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2007

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2007 board meeting, as presented, was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported the following. CMAP's second in a series, Innovation and Integration Summit, Creating a Regional Agenda to Address Climate Change is scheduled for December 11, 2007 at UIC and all are encouraged to attend. CMAP's website continues its migration toward state of the art technology and Blankenhorn suggests checking the new calendar feature that shows what is going on at CMAP. First quarter CMAP Staff Quarterly Reports, although fairly lengthy, offers a good overview of activities, are available for viewing at http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/uploadedFiles/publications/quarterlyreports_-_staff/fy_2008_q1_staff.pdf

The following contracts, described in accompanying memos in the Board packet were presented for approval: (a) an interagency governmental agreement with USDOT/Volpe Center in the amount of \$200,000, (b) a contract with Amdur Spitz & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 with two one-year options not to exceed \$100,000 for each option to provide assistance in branding, messaging and other communications related to the CMAP Regional Comprehensive Plan, (c) the procurement of a commercial dataset from infoUSA Database in the amount of \$160,000, and (d) a contract with Websolution in the amount of \$50,000 for assistance in the development of a website specifically for the Regional Comprehensive Plan. A motion by Mayor Marilyn Michelini to approve the contracts as presented was seconded by Mayor Roger Claar. All in favor the motion carried.

A resolution naming the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning as a participating instrumentality in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund was presented for Board approval. A motion to approve the Resolution as presented was made by Mayor Roger Claar and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor the motion carried.

CMAP's Affirmative Action Plan was also presented by Board approval. A motion made by Dan Shea was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to adopt the Plan as presented. All in favor the motion carried.

5.0 Committee Reports

In the absence of Rita Athas, Programming Committee Chair, Dan Shea reported that the committee having met earlier in the morning will be involved in the Transportation

Improvement Program (TIP) development. A publication was distributed that shows where the program is today and extending through 2012. The Developments of Regional Importance sub-committee reportedly had met to review options for defining DRIs and the Programming Coordinating Committee will continue to be updated on the activities of that group. Shea also reported that staff gave an overview of the work plan related to community and technical assistance that will be offered to individual counties. Lastly, an update was given from the previous day's meeting of a consultation team [comprised of CMAP, the IEPA, IDOT, the RTA, FHWA, FTA and USEPA] that will facilitate local, regional and state decision-making processes by providing a forum for all affected agencies to discuss and resolve issues.

Elliott Hartstein, Planning Committee Chair reported that an announcement had been made introducing the winning photographs that were submitted for use in the Regional Comprehensive Plan. A presentation was given defining sustainability and the various indicators in connection with CMAP's DRAFT Regional Snapshot on sustainability that is part of its comprehensive regional planning process. Procurements related to the planning process that were presented and approved by the CMAP Board had also been discussed in the early morning meeting. A schedule of the planning process is available online and input will also be sought from communities in development of the RCP. Hartstein also reported that both he and Rita Athas had attended the MPO policy meeting on October 11, 2007.

Briefly, Mayor Micheline, having attended a recent NARC conference, thanked the CMAP Board for the opportunity to attend and reported that the following issues were raised during that conference: a new Executive Director had been named in Fred Abouslman, that there were discussions regarding a more coordinated effort among NARC, NADO and AMPO and that a committee had been formed to consider that matter and lastly that the group will meet again in February in Washington DC.

Written summaries of CMAP's working committees were also provided.

6.0 Legislative and Agency Funding Update

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that SB1201 is now law and that a \$5 million fund had been created as a result of that legislation, CMAP will now be working with the Comptroller's office to obtain its \$3.5 million. Also, Blankenhorn continued, CMAP will be looking at legislative initiatives for the spring session, of interest to us that may be promoted by others. Mayor Jerry Bennett reported that a new caucus, a statewide MPO association had been established through the efforts of ILARC, the IML and the metro counties.

7.0 Transit Funding Crisis

With Leanne Redden, sitting in for Stephen Schlickman, reporting that the general assembly, in session today in Springfield, was considering SB 572 and it may fall short of enough votes to pass, a lengthy discussion ensued. CMAP Board members agree that the

legislation should have passed last spring and while SB572 is not perfect, it is good and offers a platform for building long-term stability. Andre Rice is adamant that CMAP should get behind the bill immediately. A motion by Raul Raymundo is seconded by Andre Rice that CMAP fully endorse the previously-supported bill publicly as a comprehensive solution and to direct the staff to prepare a written statement for distribution. All in favor the motion carried.

8.0 CN's Proposed Acquisition of the EJ&E

A lengthy presentation was made by Jim Kvedaras on CN's (Canadian National) proposed acquisition of the EJ&E (Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway). A copy of Mr. Kevedaras' powerpoint is attached and made a part of the minutes. Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn advised that a closer look at the presentation will be made and while the acquisition would allow for additional freight to move through the region, recommended that the DRI sub-committee review the proposal to determine positive and/or negative impacts. Additional reporting will be made to the Board at their January meeting to allow their comments by the January 25th deadline.

9.0 CREATE Update

A presentation was made by Mike Payette, Assistant Vice President of Pacific Union Railroad and also a representation of CREATE updating the Board on the project's status.

10.0 Regional Comprehensive Plan

Briefly, CMAP staffer Bob Dean gave an update on the progress of the Regional Comprehensive Plan process specifically related to public meetings, an interactive on-line survey and questionnaire, and an upcoming story writing contest about the region in 2040.

11.0 By-Laws Revisions

With changes in the Regional Planning Act due to the passing of SB 1201, changes were recommended in CMAP's by-laws. A motion by Mayor Marilyn Micheleni was seconded by Mayor Roger Claar to approve those changes as presented. All in favor the motion carried.

12.0 Composition of the Transportation Committee

The memorandum of agreement between CMAP and the Policy Committee specifies that the parties agree to the membership structure of CMAP's Transportation Committee. A recommendation is made by the staff representing the Chicagoland Transportation and Air Quality Commission (CTAQC) that the membership be changed to the Center for Neighborhood Technology. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch is seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor the motion carried.

13.0 Executive Director Employment Contract

The Board adjourned to a closed session for the purpose of discussing the executive director's employment contract and to approve the recommendation of CMAP's Executive Committee.

A motion to adjourn from the closed session was made and seconded. A motion was then made by Mayor Michelini and seconded by Raul Raymundo to authorize Chairman Bennett to negotiate and finalize the terms of the Executive Director's contract. All in favor the motion carried.

14.0 Other Business

There was other business.

15.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

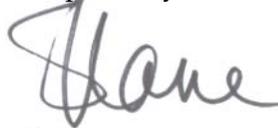
16.0 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the CMAP Board is January 9, 2008.

17.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini is seconded by Raul Raymundo. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherry Kane".

Sherry Kane, Executive Assistant

12-27-07

Approved as presented by unanimous vote, January 9, 2008