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Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2006
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 Metropolis 2020), Gerald Bennett (Mayor, Palos Hills), 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, (Former President, Villa Park), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board Member), Michael Smith-Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox) 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: Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Village of Forest Park) and Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township)

Others Present: Please refer to attached sign-in sheets.

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. and asked members to introduce themselves. The meeting was held in the Cook County Conference Room, Suite 800, 233 South Wacker, in Chicago, Illinois.

II. Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2006 board meeting, as presented, was made by Andre Rice and seconded by Mayor Michelini. All in favor, the motion carried.

IV. **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn begins his reporting announcing that an agreement had been reached with the Illinois Department of Transportation that will produce the operating funding for CMAP (CATS and NIPC). Mayor Bennett also reported of the progress having been made through a recent meeting with the Secretary, Tim Martin. Good news for CMAP and good news for the metro area that funding will be in place as we go through this initial transition period right through delivery of the report in September to the General Assembly, and more importantly next Spring when the General Assembly is again approached for funding the operational costs of the organization, Bennett stated. Mayor thanked the Secretary for his cooperation and introduced Dick Smith, Planning & Program director for IDOT. Smith expressed thanks and appreciation for providing the information the Secretary had requested and advised that a technical glitch in the contracts had been resolved, and [the contracts] revised to start on July 1 so that the period between July 1 and August 9 isn't lost to the region. Final signatures are expected by week's end and filing with the comptroller is required. Mayor Bennett, addressing the COGs, also expressed thanks for their patience during the process.

Blankenhorn announced CMAP's Economic Development Summit is scheduled for August 17 and plans for the Transportation & Housing Summit, a two-part workshop to be held in October and February. With the release of its draft report, CMAP also expects to schedule various editorial briefings throughout the region and board members may be called upon to attend those.

V. **Committee Reports and Status of Action Plan Goals**

Transition Committee – Committee Chair Nigel Telman reported that the Transition Committee had met and continues to look at funding options for the long term. A number of good leads and ideas have been presented and of course, all CMAP Board members are invited to attend [committee] meetings.

Executive Committee – Board Chair Gerald Bennett on behalf of the Executive Committee will report [committee] activities later in the meeting and does ask that all Board members get word out in the region to support the report to the General Assembly.

Public Participation Committee - Committee Chairman Elliot Hartstein reported that the Public Participation Committee met this morning and had set August 22 for the Citizens' Advisory Committee to meet to discuss the report. The committee also finalized the CAC charge and asks the Board's approval of that document. A motion by Mayor Hartstein to approve the CAC charge as presented is seconded by Mayor Michelini. All in favor the motion carries. Hartstein also reported that one person's name had accidentally been previously omitted from the CAC's roster. A motion made by Mayor Hartstein to appoint Bill Brown from Hazel Crest to CMAP's Citizens' Advisory Committee was seconded by

Mayor Larson. All in favor, the motion carried. Lastly, Hartstein reported that after September 1, staff will begin work on a newsletter to communicate the Agency's activities to the region. Mayor Bennett offered the Board's thanks and appreciation for all the Committee had done in putting together the CAC.

Planning and Priorities Committee – Committee Chair Al Larson reported that the Planning and Priorities Committee had not met but expects a full agenda in September.

VI. Release of DRAFT Report to the General Assembly

At the request of Board Chair, Executive Director Blankenhorn announced that CMAP's DRAFT report is now ready for review and comment. Thought-provoking ideas from Secretary Martin had been taken into consideration and Blankenhorn asked for the Board's advice regarding policy, vision for the agency and the region as a whole, governance, funding and future legislation. An Executive Summary will also be crafted over the coming weeks. A public meeting is scheduled for this afternoon that will make possible public review of the draft report and an all-out effort is being made to contact and meet with anyone interested in discussing the report over the next 2 – 2 ½ weeks. A second DRAFT will be available August 23, and the open comment period closes August 28. A final draft is expected the evening of August 29 with approval by the CMAP board expected at its special board meeting on August 30. The report will then be printed and forwarded to the Governor and the General Assembly on September 1. Blankenhorn fields questions raised related to funding, addressing economic development beyond workforce development and the relationship between CMAP and CATS and the concept of consensus regarding the MPO and CMAP. Immediate opportunities to present the report include meetings with the Mayors Caucus, the CATS policy committee and the NIPC Commission.

A motion made by Dan Shea to release the DRAFT report to the General Assembly for public review, with a cut-off [of that review period] on August 28 is seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

Blankenhorn expressed gratitude and appreciation to the staff, especially Jill Leary, Tom Garritano and Sherry Kane.

VII. Other Business:

Ed Paesel suggested that perhaps the September or October [Board] agenda might include an endorsement of NIPC's 2040 Regional Framework Plan as the region's comprehensive plan. NIPC's Planning Committee is also doing a lot of work in the area of land-use modeling and will also ask for an opportunity to present its findings to the CMAP board.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

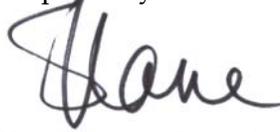
IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CMAP Board is scheduled for August 30, 2006, 9:30 a.m.

X. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherry Kane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Sherry Kane, Exec. Asst.

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, September 13, 2006.