

ATTACHMENT 1

Regional Planning Board December 14, 2005 9:30 a.m.

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

NIPC, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, Illinois

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the offices of Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC) at 233 South Wacker, Chicago, Illinois. Others present included:

Executive Committee

Gerald Bennett, Chair (Mayor, Palos Hills-Cook County)
Rita Athas, Vice Chair (Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago)
Michael Smith, Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox-Will County)
Elliott Hartstein, at-large member (Mayor, Buffalo Grove-Lake County)
Al Larson, at-large member (Mayor, Schaumburg-Cook County)

RPB Board Members

Frank Beal, (Executive Director, Metropolis 2020-City of Chicago)
Raul Raymundo, (Executive Director, Resurrection Project-City of Chicago)
André Rice, (President, Muller and Monroe Asset Management-City of Chicago)
Nigel Telman, (Partner, Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood-City of Chicago)
Anthony Calderone, (Mayor, Forest Park-Cook County)
Zenovia Evans, (Mayor, Riverdale-Cook County)
Calvin Jordan, (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township-Cook County)
Marilyn Michellini, (Mayor, Montgomery-Kane/Kendall Counties)
Dan Shea, (McHenry County Board Member-McHenry County)
Rae Rupp Srch, (Former Mayor, Villa Park-DuPage County)

RPB Non-Voting Members

Stephen Schlickman, (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority, CATS)
Ed Paesel, (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, NIPC)

Others:

David Bennett, Executive Director, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Joyce Hollingsworth, Government Assistance Program (GAP)
Sarah A. Sheehan, Government Assistance Program (GAP)
Brain Fabes, Civic Consulting Alliance
Dan Lynch, Civic Consulting Alliance
Karen B. Greenbaum, Mercer Human Resource Consulting

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2005 was made by Vice Chair Smith and seconded by Member Larson. It was unanimously approved.

III. General Business

Gerald Bennett, RPB Chairman

The Executive Committee has met regarding the critical Executive Director search and will attempt to announce the job opening after the first of the year. It was also announced that MacArthur Foundation staff has recommended approval of a \$240,000 grant to support the RPB's first year work plan. The Foundation's Board is expected to consider this recommendation later this month.

IV. Review of Vision Session (see attached summary document)

Joyce Hollingsworth, GAP

The summary document is a working draft to guide the work of the RPB. Reviewed activities of retreat including overview reports from Executive Directors of NIPC and CATS, the collective articulation of the desired results of the RPB, goals and action steps to achievement, and SWOT analysis.

Review of goals:

- Develop Organization Plan for RPB – Vice Chair Michael Smith
- Develop internal staff – Non-Voting Member Ed Paesel
- Citizen Involvement – Member Marilyn Michelini
- Public Relations – Member Elliott Hartstein
- Regional Plans – Chairman Gerald Bennett

V. Meeting Opened to Questions

- Elliott Hartstein – NIPC will be notified of meeting attendance to allow for easier pass through of Sears Tower security.
- Jan Metzger, Center for Neighborhood Technology -- Goals are noteworthy, but wanted to point out the importance of safe and healthy transportation choices.

Chairman Gerald Bennett – This board would not object to adding this as an addendum to the framework.

- Elliott Hartstein – This board is a work in progress and intends to look at all types of transportation.
- Center for Humans and Nature -- Can public participate in committee meetings?

Chairman Gerald Bennett – It is the intent of this board to meet publicly and be responsive to all input.

Michael Smith – The Citizens Advisory Committee would be vehicle for the most effective means of providing input.

- Patricia Young, Commissioner, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Will the RPB be addressing water issues?

Rita Athas – While the new Board is being organized, these types of issues will continue to be handled by NIPC.

- Ron Thomas, NIPC -- How can other organizations with a great deal of experience in these issues (such as Chicago Wilderness) assist you?

Chairman Gerald Bennett – Once the Executive Director is in place, the Board will solicit the expertise of other organizations.

Al Larson – Chicago Wilderness was mentioned in the retreat and Visions elements.

Rita Athas – The RPB is charting new ground and your support and assistance is needed. The boards desires its hallmark to be transparency.

- Norm West, UIC -- Will the report to be submitted to the General Assembly in September 2006 identify the authority of the RPB?

Chairman Gerald Bennett – The Board’s enabling legislation gives it broad authority now. Recommendations on how it can be improved or fine-tuned states will be included in the September report.

V. Adoption of Strategic Goals and Work Plan

Member Shea moved for the adoption of the Strategic Goals and Work Plan developed in the December 2 and December 14, 2005 Vision Session. The motion was seconded by Member Rice and passed unanimously.

VII. Next Meeting

Mayor Gerald Bennett, RPB Board Chair announced the Board’s next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 11, 2006.

VIII. Adjournment

Member Shea made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. It was seconded by Member Larson and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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DePaul University Government Assistance Program
Staff to Regional Planning Board