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Board Meeting Minutes

August 30, 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), Rae Rupp Srch, (Former President, Villa Park), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board Member) and Michael Smith-Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox). Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP) was present via tele-conferencing. **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), Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township) and Andre Rice (President, Muller & Monroe Asset Management).

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. Mayor Bennett announced a quorum was present, with CMAP Board Member Nigel Telman on line via tele-conferencing.

II. Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn introduced new staff members: Human Resources Director Dorienne Preer, Planning Director Ty Warner and Bike & Pedestrian specialist John O'Neal. Graphics designer Adam Weiskind will join the CMAP staff on September 7, 2006. Mayor Bennett also acknowledged NIPC's new President Joe Ligas.

III. Release of DRAFT Report to the General Assembly

The purpose of this meeting as stated by Mayor Bennett is for this board to approve the report to be forwarded to the General Assembly as required by the legislation enacted over a year ago. The work that has gone into the report Bennett continued has been tremendous and more importantly over the past month the outreach that took place to obtain input, suggestions and public comment regarding the report. Executive Director Blankenhorn is asked to report the effort that had been made over the past month.

Since the August 9 board meeting, 15 meetings involving over 300 people have been held, Blankenhorn reported. Dozens of additional comments have been received and numerous changes to the draft report have been made. Attempts to accommodate the concerns of partners, citizens and residents, while staying true to the vision of the agency were not always easy. Also challenging, is balancing inspiration and vision with the political realities of building consensus. Continuing to work together building consensus on issues and moving this region forward to maintain its status as a world class region is paramount. Blankenhorn personally thanked the staff at CMAP having done a terrific job putting the report together. Many people were involved in reviewing, helping with comments and bringing people to the table to talk, specifically Blankenhorn thanked Chief of Staff Jill Leary and Communications Director Tom Garritano who did most of the writing, making it look as good as it does. Sherry Kane helped keep us on track. Appreciating all the help, Blankenhorn concluded he's looking forward to comments and approval of the report.

A motion to approve the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Strategic Report on Visioning, Governance and Funding (as presented) to be submitted to Governor Blagojevich and the Illinois General Assembly is made by Mayor Elliott Hartstein and seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini.

Steve Schlickman commented that the efforts of staff working with the CATS Policy Committee were appreciated and virtually every concern that was raised by the Policy Committee had been addressed. After some discussion, a suggestion to include building permit fees as a source of funding was later withdrawn.

Several board members voiced praise and commendation for the work that went into the report. The topic of a dedicated and stable source of funding was also raised. Most of the recommendations raised by the NIPC commission were addressed in the report.

A roll call vote (as indicated below) was taken.

Rita Athas	Yes	Frank Beal	Yes
Gerald Bennett	Yes	Zenovia Evans	Yes

Elliott Hartstein	Yes	Al Larson	Yes
Marilyn Michelini	Yes	Raul Raymundo	Yes
Rae Rupp Srch	Yes	Dan Shea	Yes
Michael Smith	Yes	Nigel Telman	Yes

All in favor, the motion to approve the report as presented passed unanimously.

In conclusion, Mayor Bennett also thanked and congratulated the board for their work especially Committee Chairs and the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CMAP Board is scheduled for September 13, 2006, 9:30 a.m.

VI. Adjournment

At 10:20 a.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Shea, seconded by Marilyn Michelini, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Kane, Exec. Asst.

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