



Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 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), Frank H. Beal (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan 2020), Gerald Bennett (Mayor, Palos Hills), 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 Member), Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP). **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: Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Village of Forest Park), Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale), Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township) and Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-CATS).

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Gordon Smith, Tom Garritano, Bob Dean, Lori Heringa, Matt Maloney, Joy Schaad, Ty Warner, Adam Weiskind and Sherry Kane

Others Present: Judith McBrien-Archimedia Workshop, Mark Avery-DuPage County, Les Nunes-IDOT, Vicky Smith-SWCOM, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC, Barbara Vroman-CAC/Girl Scouts, Mike Klemens-WCGL, Erin Willrett-KKCOM, Andy Plummer-RTA, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Luann Hamilton-CDOT, Adam Gross-BPI, Rebecca Macey-MPC, Leanne Redden-RTA, John DeLaurentiis-RTA, Jim LaBelle-CM2020 and Ricca Sloan

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills, CMAP Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m., and asked that Board members introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

CMAP's Employee of Month was recognized with the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Lori Heringa by Board Chair Jerry Bennett and Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn.

3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2007 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Marilyn Michelini and seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Included in Executive Director's Report was the announcement of the availability of new regional base maps for distribution and reporting the status of CMAP's annual report, required by legislation that will be available in draft form by the end of August and presented for approval at the Board's September meeting. A request for a computer purchase consisting of 25 workstations at a cost of \$32,199.75 was presented for Board approval. A motion by Mayor Hartstein, seconded by Rae Rupp Srch to approve the purchase, with all in favor, carried. Further, the results of a recent request for proposal for auditing services was presented with a staff recommendation to select the firm of Virchow Kruase & Company to conduct the financial audit for a multi-year period identified in the RFP. A motion by Mayor Hartstein was seconded by Dan Shea concurring with the recommendation. All in favor, the motion carried.

5.0 Appointment of a Nominating Committee

CMAP Board Chair Gerald Bennett appointed a Nominating Committee comprised of CMAP Board Members Raul Raymundo, Anthony Calderone and Dan Shea that are directed to meet and report back to the full board with recommendations for a Chair and Vice-Chair. A motion by Rae Rupp Srch is seconded by Dan Shea concurring with the Chair's appointment of the Nominating Committee members. All in favor, the motion carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

CMAP's Programming Committee Chair Rita Athas reported that the Committee is studying the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality report that will be presented in September for approval by the full board. A sub-committee was appointed to examine CATS' and NIPC's inter-governmental agency agreement to ensure reflection of CMAP objectives. The Committee reviewed the Wingspread Accord and recommended that the Board send a letter endorsing that agreement. The criteria for Developments of Regional Importance

will also be considered by a sub-committee that will report back to the Programming Committee on its findings.

Deputy Executive Director Don Kopec added that \$73,000,000 had been approved (of a \$400,000,000 request) for the CMAQ program, and a new multi-year philosophy was being adopted that would address un-obligated balances. Kopec also reported that MPO agreements will be examined by the Programming Committee.

CMAQ's Planning Committee Acting Chair Elliott Hartstein reported on the following three topics. CMAQ Staffer Ty Warner had presented a summary of the leadership workshops that had been completed, reporting that good participation had been seen in the region. Hartstein asked that the summary be disseminated to the full Board, so that Board members could encourage participation in their respective areas. A presentation by CMAQ Staffer Bob Dean was made showing various components for developing the regional comprehensive plan. In an overview, Dean reported the following would be considered: vision, current conditions, evaluation strategies, preferred scenarios, recommendations and finally the developed plan. Dean also spoke of working committee involvement in developing a regional vision and the various publications that will be generated, i.e., the Regional Snapshot that was recently released and the next in the series will focus on sustainability. Additionally, the Committee heard from CMAQ Staffer Tim Loftus with an update on the Regional Water Supply Planning Group's success in the adoption of interim goals.

7.0 Legislative Update

Executive Director Blankenhorn reported that a compromise was reached between the sponsors of SB 1201 and Representative Hoffman to add two (2) governor's appointments to the CMAQ Board. This language, in addition to naming the collar county board designee to the Wastewater Committee as the permanent vice-chair, will be added to a trailer bill for the General Assembly's consideration. Blankenhorn went on to thank the legislative staff who continued to support SB 1201 and the effort made by sponsors and partners (similar to the effort that went into creating CMAQ) was also to be commended. Thank you letters had already been forwarded to the various sponsors for their assistance. Blankenhorn also asked that the Board forward a letter supporting the trailer bill. A motion to dispatch a letter in support of the bill (and associated governor's appointments to the CMAQ Board) was made by Dan Shea and seconded by Mayor Marilyn Micheline, with Shea voicing a concern regarding meeting quorum. Blankenhorn suggested this may be a matter the Board might consider in a by-law change. CMAQ Board member Frank Beal commented briefly on the development of the Facility Planning Area committee brought about by this legislation. All in favor, the motion carried.

8.0 Agency Funding Update

Regarding funding, Executive Director Blankenhorn reported that while funding had been tenuous with a number of close calls, IDOT had continued to make payments to meet

payroll, although the agency was unable to pay its bills to vendors and the council of mayors. Blankenhorn went on to say that he had met with IDOT's chief of staff and felt that the funding issue would be resolved shortly with a letter outlining an agreement that would be forwarded to Secretary Sees for approval.

Board Chair Bennett reiterated the need to push an agenda for capital and transit, that the Board had shown in its support of RTA's Moving Beyond Congestion program since all the planning in the world, without adequate funding, is a mute point. Staff is instructed to develop another mailing that will include a copy of the Resolution.

9.0 Comprehensive Plan Development

Executive Director Blankenhorn described the visioning workshop that is scheduled for September 12, following a short board meeting. This workshop is aimed toward discussing the basics of development of a comprehensive plan outlining strategies and scenarios. The working committees have spent months developing 6-9 real policy statements that will be brought to the Board and the larger group to take out into the region. If the vision isn't agreed upon, the strategies will not work. The session is scheduled to conclude at Noon.

10.0 Community and Technical Assistance

Having heard from the General Assembly, the Governor and regional partners that more emphasis needed to be placed on CMAP's Technical Assistance programs, Blankenhorn reported that a restructuring of staff will be made (not necessarily additional staff) to accommodate this need.

11.0 Developments of Regional Importance (DRIs)

As was addressed in legislation and on the heels of Programming Chair Rita Athas' report of the Programming Committee, Executive Director Blankenhorn stated that two working groups, one focused on the policy and one on the technical aspects of reviewing DRIs, will be created comprised of the region's stakeholders to develop the process to review DRIs as defined in SB 1201. Some immediate questions they need to explore are the following; What is the threshold for DRIs. How will these be evaluated? How do we develop the criteria? For instance, a small project could have major impact. The process, very complex must be value-added, and CMAP rather than judging the projects must give municipalities the very best information so that better decisions can be made at local levels.

12.0 NIPC Plans & Policies

The NIPC Plans & Policies Legacy Report that summarizes NIPC positions for consideration by the CMAP Board that can be carried forward into future regional planning for northeastern Illinois. CMAP may wish to endorse some of the plans or policies as their own.

13.0 Daniel Burnham Centennial Video

Archimedia president Judith McBrien presented a short video documentary about Daniel Burnham and his partner Edward Bennett. Intended for broadcast on PBS stations here and across the country, the video was developed as a part of the upcoming centennial celebration of the 1909 Plan of Chicago.

13.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

14.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments

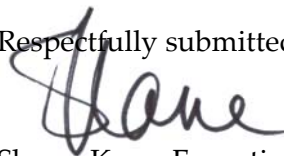
15.0 Next Meeting

The CMAP Board is on call to meet August 8, 2007, 9:30 a.m., if necessary.

16.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Mayor Hartstein, seconded by Mayor Michelini and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Kane, Executive Assistant

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, September 12, 2007.