

**Regional Planning Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 8, 2006
Regional Planning Board
800 Sears Tower
233 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the Regional Planning Board, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the offices of the Regional Planning Board at 233 South Wacker, Chicago, Illinois. Others present included:

Voting Members

Rita R. Athas- Vice Chair (Deputy Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, City of Chicago)
Mike Smith-Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox)
Frank H. Beal, (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolis 2020)
Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale)
Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove)
Al Larson (President, Schaumburg)
Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township)
Marilyn Michelini, (President, Montgomery)
Andre Rice (President Muller and Monroe Asset Management)
Raul Raymundo (executive Director, Resurrection Project)
Rae Rupp Srch, (Former President, Villa Park)
Dan Shea (McHenry County Board Member)
Nigel F. Telman (Partner, Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood)

Non-Voting Members

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

Others:

Holly Ostidick, McHenry County Council of Mayors
Erin Willrett, Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors
Don Kopec, CATS
Rachel Bishop, McKinsey
Tim Gustoafson, McKinsey
Dan Lynch, CCA
Doug McLaughlin, Metra
Stephan Vaughn, CCHD
Bill Balling, Buffalo Grove
Amanda Eichekkkraut, RTA
Joyce Hollingsworth, Chaddick Institute
Sarah A. Sheehan, Chaddick Institute
Bola Delano, CATS
Mike Walczak, NWMC
Ralph Coglinese, NIPC
Ron Thomas, NIPC
Tom McKome, CCA

Holly Ostdick, McHenry Council of Mayors
Randy Blankenhorn, IDOT
Alan P. Mammoser, SETF
Chris DiPalma, FHWA
Kio Hodge, MPC
Ricca Slone, ELPC
Karen Greenbaum, CCA/Mercer
Jill Leary WCMC
Stephan Vaughn, CCHD
Patricia Berry, CATS
May Avery, DuPage County
Rick Curneal, DMMC
Gordon Smith, IDOT
Rachel Bishop, McKinsey
David C. Seglin, CDOT
Bruce Christensen, Lake County
Vickey Smith, SCM
Joe Hehrich, SSMMA
Tom Adams, NIPC.MMC
Laura Wilkson, Metro Strategies
Erin Willrett, KKCOM
H. Schumann, Cook County
Flutrio Demirouski, RTA
Doug McLaughlin, Metra
Chalen Hunter, NWMC

II. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2006 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2006 was made by Member Shea and seconded by Member Rupp Srch. It was unanimously approved.

III. Committee Reports

A. Transition Committee - *Nigel F. Telman, Chair*

The Committee has been continuing its efforts but has not formally met. Further interviews with management and staff of NIPC and CATS have taken place to get a sense of what the organization should look like. The committee has developed several staff models which they are examining further. Some issues the committee is examining include compensation and benefits, outside consultants are assisting with this process. The committee is looking at integration and doing so in the most effective manner. There will be a meeting to discuss these issues in detail, time and date will be posted.

B. Public Participation Committee - *President Elliott Hartstein, Chair*

The committee has met twice and currently in the process of finalizing an application to seek members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) as well as a letter to enclose with the application. A preliminary copy of the letter and brochure was distributed to the committee and is scheduled to be mailed out by Friday using the mailing lists of NIPC and CATS. In regards to public relations issues the committee has been examining brand issue including whether or not the organization should maintain the name "Regional Planning Board". The committee invited feedback from the full board on this matter and Karen Greenbaum suggested making the initial decision of "Northeastern Illinois" or

“Chicago Area”. There was an informal vote amongst the board; it was close to split with minor favor to Northeastern Illinois. The committee will seek further input.

C. Planning & Priorities Committee - *President Al Larson, Chair*

The committee met on March 8 and continued to gather information on existing regional planning efforts. Don Kopec gave a synopsis on CATS programs and current efforts. Ron Thomas gave a summary of lengthy initiatives and goals of NIPC. The committee will continue the effort to become acquainted with planning initiatives.

IV. Public Comment

Pete of MPC asked Member Hartstein if the Public Participation Committee is seeking a certain number of people for the Citizen’s Advisory Commission. Subcommittee Chairman Hartstein responded no but the committee will be coming back with recommendations.

V. Other Business

Chairman Bennett extended a thank you to members of the Executive Committee for all of their work as well. He also expressed his appreciation to the consultants for the high level of professionalism they are bringing to the organization. The Executive Committee has been working very hard on the Executive Director search, and requested the full board to go into Executive Session. Member Hartstein made a motion to move into Executive Session, seconded by Member Michelini and approved unanimously.

VI. Next Meeting-Wednesday April 12, 2006

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Member Hartstein and seconded by Member Rupp Srch, and passed unanimously.