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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2006, 3:30 p.m.

Will County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Board Members Present: Gerald R. Bennett-Chair (Mayor, City of Palos Hills), Rita Athas-Vice Chair (Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago), Elliott Hartstein (Mayor, Village of Buffalo Grove), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), and Michael Smith-Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox).

Others Present: CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Tom Garritano and Sherry Kane.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. The meeting was held via conference call.

II. Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

III. Approval of Minutes – August 7, 2006

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of August 7, 2006, as presented made by Vice Chair Michael Smith was seconded by Al Larson and passed unanimously.

IV. Board Meeting Agenda

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn explained the items listed under Director's Report that included Transition/Staffing (also having been reviewed previously by the Transition Committee) that mirrors a matrix management structure grouping people with projects and assuring skill sets match accordingly. A presentation made and Planning & Priorities Committee resulted in a changed focus for the summit entitled, Innovation and Integration: The Economic Impact of Linking Jobs, Housing and Transportation Planning that is scheduled to meet in early 2007 will address innovation regarding the jobs, housing mix. Anticipating a contract with IDNR within the coming weeks, CMAP's water supply

planning group had met with planning directors throughout the region, Openlands, MPC and the Campaign for Sensible Growth to assure consistency with CMAP regional policies and oversight of process. Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs Gordon Smith will discuss CMAP's legislative strategy at the upcoming Board meeting. Finally, Blankenhorn reports that CMAP's holiday party will be geared toward benefiting Richard and Jamie Krell who are experiencing financial difficulties due to an accident in August.

Under the Committee Reports and Status of Action Plan Goals, Vice Chair Rita Athas, in Transition Committee Chair Nigel Telman's absence, will report the recent activities of that committee. Chief of Staff Jill Leary will make a presentation to the Board regarding Funding. The future of CMAP's Board Committees also requires discussion as the Transition Committee will eventually dissolve and the Public Participation Committee may only require convening on an annual basis. A Finance Committee and a Legislative Committee, perhaps under the direction of the Executive Committee should also be considered. A Proposed Committee Structure will be included in the Board packet and expecting consensus by both Planning & Priorities and Public Participation Committees, approval will be sought on that document by the full board.

A first draft of a Joint Memorandum of Understanding will be presented to the Board for informational purposes.

Additional topics, Capital Funding Plan: Identify Regional Priorities, Projects of Regional Significance and Incentives will also be discussed.

Staff will be seeking endorsement of the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update by CMAP's full board.

A CMAP brochure and talking points will be distributed at the Board meeting along with a cd of the powerpoint presentation from which those talking points were developed.

CMAP's Board will recognize personnel from the various consulting firms instrumental in its success, for it would not have been possible to come this far this fast without their assistance.

V. Board Activities: Business Cards, Reimbursements, Conference Policies:

It is agreed that CMAP should print business cards for board members, that while the majority will not use reimbursement of travel costs, it should be made available and the Executive Committee will decide, case-by-case in the best interest of the agency, to authorize conference attendance and reimbursement for associated expenses.

VI. Employee Benefits:

A motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss employee benefits made by Al Larson was seconded by Vice Chair Michael Smith and passed unanimously. A motion to adjourn

the Executive Session and return to the Executive Committee meeting made by Mayor Hartstein was seconded by Mayor Smith and passed unanimously.

VII. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VIII. Adjournment

At 4:40 p.m. a motion to adjourn that was made by Mayor Smith and seconded by Mayor Larson passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherry Kane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sherry Kane, Exec. Asst.

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Approved, as presented, by unanimous vote, December 11, 2006.