



## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

### Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2015

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Cook County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

**Board Members  
Present:**

Rita Athas-representing the City of Chicago, Frank Beal-representing the City of Chicago, Elliott Hartstein-representing Lake County, Al Larson-representing Northwest Cook County, Lisa Laws-representing the City of Chicago, Andrew Madigan-representing the City of Chicago, John Noak-representing Will County, Rick Reinbold-representing South Cook County, William Rodeghier-representing West Cook County, Rae Rupp Srch-representing DuPage County, Carolyn Schofield-representing McHenry County, Tom Weisner-representing Kane and Kendall Counties, and non-voting member Leanne Redden-representing the MPO Policy Committee

**Staff Present:**

Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Bob Dean, Gordon Smith, Alex Beata and Sherry Kane

**Others Present:**

Kristen Andersen-Metra, Heather & Garland Armstrong-Access Living, Jennifer Becker- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Bruce Carmitchel-IDOT, Bruce Christensen-Lake County, Janell Jensen-McHenry Council of Mayors, Patrick Knapp- Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors, Hugh O'Hara-WCGL, Tom Rickert-Kane County, David Seglin-CDOT, Mike Sullivan-Kane/Kendall Council, Mike Walczak-NWMC, and Tammy Wierciak-WCMC

#### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

CMAP Board Vice-Chair, Rita Athas, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., and asked Board members to introduce themselves.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Vice Chair Rita Athas announced that Raul Raymundo, one of the original members of the CMAP Board, would be resigning and while out of town this week, would be back one last time in March. Athas went on to say that the resignation leaves an opening on the Executive Committee for a City of Chicago representative and suggested that Frank Beal

fill the position. A motion by Mayor Al Larson was seconded by Rae Rupp Srch naming Frank Beal as a member of the Executive Committee. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015, meeting of the CMAP Board as presented was made by Elliott Hartstein and seconded by Lisa Laws. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **4.0 Interim Executive Director's Report**

Interim Executive Director Jill Leary reported that the Board would need to make a collar county appointment on CMAP's Wastewater Committee resulting from the resignation of Mayor Roger Claar, that CMAP had acquired a great deal of press associated with recent launch of the data visualizations site, and that the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) update had been included in the Board materials.

### **5.0 Procurements and Contract Approvals**

The following contract approvals were presented for Board approval: a contract award to Ginkgo Planning and Design for \$115,949 to create a comprehensive plan for the Village of Roselle; approval to purchase IT hardware and software at a total cost not to exceed \$610,000; and a contract approval with GovHR USA totaling \$14,000 and an estimated \$6,000 in expenses to conduct the recruitment for an Executive Director. A resolution for obtaining 2013 Cook County Assessment Data was also presented for approval. A motion to approve the contracts, procurements, and resolution, as presented was made by Rae RuppSrch, seconded by President Rick Reinbold and with all in favor, carried.

Briefly, Vice-Chair Rita Athas reported that beginning the week of February 23, the recruitment of the Executive Director would begin, candidate interviews would be conducted during the month of April and selection by the CMAP Board anticipated at its May meeting. Athas thanked the staff and fellow board member Rae Rupp Srch for their help with the RFP process and the selection of the search firm.

### **6.0 Committee Reports**

Vice Chair Rita Athas reported that the Local Coordinating Committee had met earlier in the morning and that the Land Use Committee had named Mark VanKerkhoff of Kane County as their new representative to the committee. Athas went on to say that staff from CMAP and Cook County described the outreach efforts associated with the recent completion of "Planning for Progress", a plan for economic and community development which qualifies Cook County for multiple federal programs. Also, CMAP staff presented and the Committee discussed a proposal instituting a local match to ensure local commitment to future Local Technical Assistance (LTA) projects that includes a recommendation structuring the match requirement so that higher-need communities will continue to participate. Finally, the next call for LTA projects will begin in May, with applications due over the summer and selections made in October, Athas concluded.

A written summary of the working committees and the Council of Mayors Executive Committee was also distributed.

## **7.0 Federal Legislative Agenda**

CMAP staff, Alex Beata presented the draft 2015 Federal Agenda, highlighting changes from the 2014 agenda, that included a formal graphics treatment, the inclusion of CMAP's reauthorization principles, and minor technical changes to reflect recent activities and improve overall readability. The Board discussed various items in the agenda, including the importance of coordinating across jurisdictions and program areas, the need to preserve the public interest in public-private partnerships, and the importance of achieving parity in transit and parking pre-tax benefits. A suggestion was made to include text to describe the composition of the CMAP Board within the document. A motion by President William Rodeghier was seconded by Frank Beal to approve the Agenda, adding the suggested text related to the makeup of the CMAP Board, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

## **8.0 State Legislative Update**

Briefly, CMAP staff Gordon Smith reported that with the General Assembly only just getting underway, he expects that staff will have more to report and the Board more to react to next month, that no approvals will be sought today, that the Governor's State of the State address had just been made and the Budget address follows for which CMAP will have a policy update. Smith went on to say that staff has spent time discussing FUND 2040 with caucus leaderships' chiefs of staff, that work continues developing a strategy regarding FUND 2040, that there were 800 bills introduced last week that staff is combing through and recommendations will follow next month and finally, when asked, reported that staff will meet very soon with Governor's staff to advocate support for our Agenda.

## **9.0 Other Business**

There was no other business before the CMAP Board.

## **10.0 Next Meeting**

The Board is scheduled to meet next on March 11, 2015.

## **11.0 Public Comment**

Heather Armstrong, Access Living addressed the Board to thank the Village of Elmwood Park for helping those with disabilities with its snowplowing and clearing of sidewalks efforts during the recent storm. Garland Armstrong, a former member of Pace ADA Advisory committee, also addressed the Board reporting that there is no sidewalk on Oak Park Avenue between 159<sup>th</sup> Street and Tinley Park, and asked if anything could be done to help. Armstrong was told of an upcoming Pace Board meeting as a venue to report the condition.

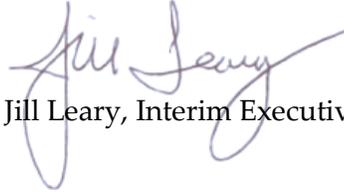
## **12.0 Closed Session**

At 9:53 a.m., a motion to adjourn to a closed session to review closed session minutes and to discuss a matter of litigation made by Frank Beal was seconded by Rita Athas. All in favor, the motion carried. At the conclusion of the closed session, a motion by President Rick Reinbold was seconded by Mayor Al Larson to return to the regular meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

**13.0 Adjournment**

At 10:02 a.m., a motion by President Rick Reinbold was seconded by Mayor Al Larson to adjourn the regular meeting. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Leary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jill Leary, Interim Executive Director

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*Approved as presented by unanimous vote, March 11, 2015*