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Board Meeting Minutes

July 12, 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: Frank H. Beal (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolis 2020), Gerald Bennett (Mayor, Palos Hills), Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Village of Forest Park); Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove), Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner, Rich Township), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), Marilyn Michelini, (President, Montgomery), Raul Raymundo (Executive Director, Resurrection Project), Andre Rice (President, Muller & Monroe Asset Management), Rae Rupp Srch, (Former President, Villa Park), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board Member), Michael Smith-Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox) and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP). **Non-Voting Members:** Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-CATS), Edward Paesel (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association-NIPC)

Absent: Rita Athas (Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago) and Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale)

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 9:40 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.

II. Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2006 board meeting was made by Mayor Larson and seconded by Mayor Michelini. Under the heading of *Planning and Priorities*

Committee (page 3) Mr. Stephen Schlickman clarified “. . . there was discussion of using toll credits stating it is not real money . . .” “the problem is that it only covers 80% of the costs, effectively reducing the project by 20%.” The word rescissions (recessions) under the heading of **Public Comment** by Jackie Grimshaw was misspelled. Having noted the two corrections, all in favor, the motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

IV. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that included in the Board packet was a copy of the by-laws that reflected minor changes requested at the June 21, 2006 meeting. By-laws are also posted on the web. Further, Blankenhorn announced that CMAP will host an Economic Development Summit on August 17, 2006, at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Invitees will include members of the business community, chambers, economic development professionals and municipal and county government officials. This is the first in a series of meetings, the goal of which is to acquire input from professionals in the field to define CMAP’s role in [regional] economic development planning.

V. Committee Reports and Status of Action Plan Goals

Transition Committee – Briefly, Chair Nigel Telman reported that staff had asked the transition committee to look at funding for the new agency, that a group will be assigned to focus on that and a meeting date will be announced soon.

Executive Committee – Board Chair Gerald Bennett on behalf of the Executive Committee reported that he had received letters from the McHenry County Conservation District, Lake County Forest Preserve and Chicago Wilderness [encouraging endorsement of *Statement of Responsibilities to Protect the Region’s Environment*]. Mayor Bennett wanted to assure these agencies and others interested and concerned about the environment and water resources that this organization will take their comments, include them in discussions as the report to the General Assembly is drafted. Additional reporting would be given by Mayor Bennett throughout the meeting.

Public Participation Committee - Committee Chairman Elliot Hartstein reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee had met earlier this morning in an orientation session and a presentation had been given by CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn and Committee Chair Hartstein. Mayor Hartstein introduced the following CAC members to the CMAP Board. Alba Alexander-River Forest, Bill Balling-Arlington Heights, Bill Baltutis-Palatine, Sillerine Bennett-Ford Heights, Steve Braxton-Melrose Park, Alexander Brown-Evanston, Susan Burnnette-Woodridge, Roger Dahlstrom-Woodstock, Kama Dobbs-Crystal Lake, Jean Egerman-Elmwood Park, Linda Ehlers-Palos Hills, Cindy Ellis-Minooka, Graham Grady-Chicago, Jennifer Hill-Chicago, Rebecca Holbrook-Chicago, Lawrence Lux-Plainfield, Rosemary McDonnell-Chicago, Stephen Porras-Chicago, Andrea Powell-Chicago, Nancy Seeger-Evanston, Harry Soloman-Highland Park, Joel Stauber-Skokie, Dan Strick-Beecher, Stephanie Todd-Oswego, Barbara Vroman-Orland Park, Donald Weiss-Carol Stream, Dick Welton-Gurnee, John Whitfield-Chicago, Lance Wrightsell-Chicago. Mayor requested a round of applause and thanked the members for their willingness to serve.

Planning and Priorities Committee – Committee Chair Al Larson reported that the Planning and Priorities Committee had also met earlier in the morning. An update was given by Deputy Executive Director of Research and Analysis Kermit Wies on the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. Mayor Larson asked Deputy Executive Director Ron Thomas to update the Board on last month's water quality management plan. Thomas reported that staff is looking at some other ways utility extensions are reviewed in regional contexts around the country and updated the committee on conversations with IEPA regarding the phasing out of the Facilities Planning Area (FPA) process. Thomas added that [the FPA process] is an important function and hopes the CMAP board will consider utility extensions and other boundary related issues as it goes forward with its work. Mayor Larson concluded his report stating that the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) had also made a presentation on housing and transportation and moving the region towards greater affordability.

VI. September Report to the General Assembly

Board Chair Bennett turns to Executive Director Blankenhorn to address the topic of the September Report to the General Assembly. Blankenhorn identified 3 major items that will be included in the report to the General Assembly. They are a strategic vision in terms of policy issues for the agency, governance and funding. Much work has been done in the 7 policy areas relative to where we want to be, what it would take to get there in terms of funding, human resources and authority.

Executive Director Blankenhorn stated that the staff needs board guidance as the vision is crafted. Chairman Bennett emphasized that the visioning workshop on Friday is a very critical meeting and encouraged the board members to attend.

Options were then explained to the board regarding governance. Work is progressing looking at the committees involved in the decision making process of the agency. The recommended option focuses on the 6 functional policy areas in which the agency will be involved. The suggestion is for a first level of working committees, a second level of planning & programming where coordination takes place, a third level where the Citizen's Advisory Committee and Council of Mayors perform an advisory function and a policy level of CMAP and on transportation issues, the MPO, and asked if this is the direction the board wants to go. Chairman Bennett concurred it is an accurate layout of the direction agreed upon. Following a discussion covering the expected timetable for the release of the report, Chairman Bennett asked for a motion to accept the concept of governance plan submitted. It was moved by President Michelini, seconded by Ms. Rupp Srch and all in favor, carried.

Executive Director Blankenhorn then presented the funding issues that will be facing the agency. He emphasized that the criteria for funding would be that it had to be fair, equitable and acceptable. Results had to be tied to funding. He emphasized that the federal transportation planning funds will continue to come to the region. The issue will be how to match them. Currently IDOT matches those funds and have committed to do that until there is a financial plan. But there has to be a local commitment to matching federal funds.

The next piece is other state and federal funds. There needs to be a state commitment to this agency beyond IDOT, either from individual state agencies or the General Assembly. Local funds are voluntary right now and unreliable and unfair in that some pay and some don't. Finally, there needs to be a greater pursuit of strategic grants. There was discussion related to the use of transportation planning funds, how they are allocated to other agencies and the need to have guaranteed funding from a variety of sources.

VII. CMAP FY07 Budget Update

Executive Director Blankenhorn gave an overview of the budget situation. A significant portion of funding will come through the Illinois Department of Transportation by covering CATS staff and operations and with a contract with NIPC. The UWP process determines how much money comes to those agencies and is approved by the CATS Policy Committee. Right now CMAP does not have an agreement with IDOT for FY 07. There has been some significant discussion about how this is going to work and some significant concern by IDOT of how the contract will be managed. IDOT has requested a great deal of information. Chairman Bennett informed the Board that he received a letter from the Secretary of Transportation indicating a need for a discussion regarding operations. He expressed concern that this has not been resolved and that the Department is not approving the existing operating year's budget. He suggested that the Board invite Secretary Martin to their visioning session and continue to try and meet with the Department to get the issue resolved. Board member Shea made a motion to direct the staff to take this additional action. It was seconded by Board member Michelini. Additional discussion covered the commitment from IDOT to continue its support until a funding plan was operational – or through the 3 year transition period. It was also expressed that these issues could be resolved without involving members of the General Assembly. Chairman Bennett called for a vote on the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

VIII. Release of Draft 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update, Proposed FY 07-12 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis

Executive Director Blankenhorn reported that the Planning and Priorities Committee had just this morning been briefed on the major project section and the funding mechanism of the RTP Update and stated that this is really more of a progress report and that we need to remind people that this is an update of an existing transportation plan for 2030. Blankenhorn continued, that the legislation indicates that you (the CMAP Board) shall be in charge of all public involvement. What is now being asked of the board is to allow CATS work program committee to release this report for public review after it is approved by that committee on Friday. The CATS Policy committee has likewise authorized the work program committee to release the report for public review. A motion by Mayor Al Larson to release the Draft 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update, Proposed FY 07-12 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis for public review is seconded by Rae Rupp Srch. All in favor, the motion carried.

IX. Citizen's Advisory Committee

This topic was addressed under Section V: Committee Reports, specifically the Public Participation Committee report given by Committee Chair Elliot Hartstein.

X. Election of Officers

Mayor Marilyn Michelini, in Mayor Zenovia Evans' absence, reported that the nominating committee submits the following names for consideration as officers and thereby members of the Executive Committee of CMAP Board: Chair, Gerald Bennett-Mayor, City of Palos Hills; First Vice-Chair, Rita Athas-Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago; 2nd Vice-Chair, Michael Smith-Mayor, Village of New Lenox; at Large, Nigel Telmen-Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP; at Large, Al Larson-Mayor, Village of Schaumburg; at Large Elliott Hartstein-Mayor, Village of Buffalo Grove. The committee believes the slate continues to represent the desired geographical balance while providing a good mix of position and experience. The nominating committee also felt that considering the work before this board in the coming months, it would be wise to maintain the current slate. Further, the committee suggested that consideration should be given to naming a 7th member to the EC in the future. Mayor Michelini moved that the report of the nominating committee be endorsed by the full Board. Mayor Anthony Calderone seconded the motion.

A brief discussion ensued regarding adding a 7th member and suggestions were made that the 6-member committee forces consensus, that in the case of a tie, a matter would go before the full board and if a 7th member were added, the by-laws would also require amendment.

All in favor, the motion carried.

XI. Other Business

Mayor Larson announced that Schaumburg will be featured on Fox News, with WFLD's Nancy Liu giving a presentation on the new Convention Center.

XII. Public Comment

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn responded to Peter Skosey's additional questions regarding the governance diagram that had been presented. Skosey asked how the CMAP Board provides input to the MPO. Blankenhorn stated that the relationship between the two is information sharing and shared decision-making in both directions. The CMAP staff is the same staff for both the board and the MPO. All of the lines [in the diagram] should have arrows in both directions. Blankenhorn went on to say that any input to better illustrate the process is certainly appreciated.

XIII. Next Meeting

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

XIV. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Rupp Srch, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Kane, Exec. Asst.

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Approved, as presented, by unanimous vote, August 9, 2006.