

**MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD**

Friday, January 20, 2006

2:00 p.m.

Hebron Room

Hotel InterContinental Chicago

505 N. Michigan Ave.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Hotel InterContinental located at 505 N. Michigan Avenue. Others present included:

Executive Committee

Gerald Bennett, Chair (Mayor, Palos Hills-Cook County)

Rita Athas, Vice Chair (Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago)

Michael Smith, Vice Chair (Mayor, New Lenox-Will County)

Elliott Hartstein, at-large member (Mayor, Buffalo Grove-Lake County)

Al Larson, at-large member (Mayor, Schaumburg-Cook County)

Nigel Telman, at-large member (partner, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood law firm)

RPB Board Members

Rae Rupp Srch, (Former Mayor, Villa Park-DuPage County)

RPB Non-Voting Members

Stephen Schlickman, (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority, CATS)

Ed Paesel, (Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, NIPC)

Others:

Mark Balago DuPage, Mayors and Managers Conference

Tom Cuculich, DuPage County

Patricia Berry, Chicago Area Transportation Study

David Narefsky, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw

Lorraine Tyson, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw

Tim O'Donnell, AT Kearney Executive Search

John Livingston, McKinsey & Company

Sarah A. Sheehan, Staff to the Regional Planning Board

Dan Lynch, Civic Consulting Alliance

Karen B. Greenbaum, Mercer Human Resource Consulting

II. Executive Director Search

Tim O'Donnell, *AT Kearney Executive Search*

- Tim informed the board that all the postings have been completed and they are receiving responses. The board has also made recommendations which have been received, the deadline for all applications is the end of January. Tim asked the Committee if they would prefer to do an initial assessment with the applications already received or wait until the end of the month. Rita Athas responded that it would be best to wait until all applications have been collected.

III. Legal issues

David Narefsky/Lorraine Tyson

Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw

- David presented a checklist of legal issues that he will work on with the Executive Committee. The initial focus will be on developing a set of by-laws for the RPB and addressing miscellaneous legal matters that arise.
- Mayor Bennett invited any questions or concerns for David. Paying the Executive Director was raised and options on how to deposit the money was discussed. Options to be investigated include depositing the money with NIPC or CATS until the RPB has bank accounts established.

IV. Board Organization

John Livingston, *McKinsey & Company*

- John introduced himself and reviewed the topics (board structure, including relationship to MPO, CATS, and NIPC; flow of funds; and funding approach) McKinsey will work on with the EC. John stated his firm is here to try and solve the issues the RPB deems most critical and opened it up to the Executive Committee to discuss what those issues are.
- Michael Smith explained the importance of NIPC and CATS and the role they play with their constituents and the sensitivity to this issue as being very important to the RPB. Michael stated that the EC is looking for advice on good organizational structure as would be recommended to any private enterprise and allow the RPB to add the sensitivity.
- Mayor Elliot Hartstein stated the MPO designates how decisions are made currently and the municipalities want to ensure they do not lose their voice in how funding is distributed. Mayor Al Larson reiterated Mayor Hartstein's point and stating the importance of sensitivity once the melding of NIPC and CATS takes place. Mayor Gerald Bennett explained he feels of all the requirements of the act the MPO will not be the most difficult. The RPB will become the policy board and the structure is what needs to be determined.
- Mayor Elliot Harstein stated that dealing with better coordination of NIPC and CATS is something the RPB is charged with. Whether NIPC and CATS still exist in the future is an issue to be addressed. The charge of the RPB is to find the best coordination of land-use and transportation planning and all options need to be considered. Mayor Gerald Bennett agreed and said the RPB should be considering that and be sure to accomplish and work towards the vision.
- John suggests beginning with a blank sheet and using the organizations objectives and what exists and work backwards to help make these decisions. Nigel Telman stated the importance of McKinsey's knowledge of existing NIPC and CATS work and structure. John stated he plans on meeting with both Executive Directors and other key persons to gain understanding. His target for having those interview completed is 2 weeks, reporting to the Executive Committee within 2 ½ weeks.

V. EC Next Steps and Milestones

- Review Executive Director résumé's in 2 ½ weeks with McKinsey.
- Karen Greenbaum will continue working with Nigel on developing options for staffing issues

Respectfully submitted,

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