



NWMC Board

Agenda

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Oakton Community College

Room 1604

1600 East Golf Road

Des Plaines, IL 60016

(map attached)

MEMBERS

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Lake Zurich
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Mount Prospect
Niles
Northbrook
Northfield
Northfield Twp.
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Park Ridge
Prospect Heights
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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2012 (Attachment A)**
- V. President’s Report – Christopher Canning, NWMC President and President, Village of Wilmette**
 - A. February Membership Meeting Presentation – North and Northwest Cook County Bicycle Signage Plan & Northwest Highway Bicycle Facilities Plan**

Alta Planning and Design Senior Transportation Planner Craig Williams and NWMC staff will present the North and Northwest Cook County Bicycle Signage Plan and the Northwest Highway Bicycle Plan. The signage plan is designed to provide a resource to municipalities when implementing segments of regional bicycle corridors. The Northwest Highway Bicycle Facilities Plan contains recommendations for a long-term bikeway parallel to Northwest Highway and the Union Pacific-Northwest Line from Barrington to Park Ridge. These plans have been developed over the past year by the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and consultants from Alta Planning and Design and Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. Please visit <http://www.nwmc-cog.org/Transportation/Bike-Planning.aspx#Committee> to view the plans. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Transportation Committee and Executive Board recommend approval of both plans.
Action Requested: Approve Recommendation
 - B. CMAP Regional Tax Policy Task Force Update (Attachments B & C)**

The CMAP Regional Tax Policy Task Force approved the draft report at their January 13 meeting for presentation to the CMAP Board on February 8. One of the primary concerns raised by NWMC and the Task Force mayors centered on CMAP’s advocacy role in tax policy. Revised language modifying CMAP’s position from “advocacy” to “facilitating a regional perspective on tax policy” was approved by the Task Force in the final report, which can be viewed by visiting: <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/regional-tax-policy-task-force>.

Prior to the meeting, the Conference forwarded a letter to the Task Force members expressing specific concerns with the draft under consideration. The attached response from Task Force Chair and CMAP Board member Frank Beal includes a "CMAP staff response to specific analysis questions" that rebuts many of the concerns raised in the Conference's letter. The Executive Board recommended that President Canning draft a letter (Attachment C) stating the Conference's ongoing concerns.

Action Requested: Discussion

C. ComEd Outage Restoration Filing with the ICC

ComEd and members of the manager's working group met on January 26 to finalize the protocols for storm response and annual reporting. As part of the socialization process, ComEd has begun discussing the protocols with the regional councils of government. However, in order to complete the process and secure the necessary regional support, additional time will be needed. Therefore, ComEd and the managers have agreed to extend the deadline to submit the protocols to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) until April 1. Staff will provide an update at the meeting.

Action Requested: Informational

D. Cook County Weekend Bond Court Consolidation (Attachment D)

In response to concerns regarding the proposed closure of suburban weekend and holiday Cook County Bond Courts and the consolidation of all operations at the 26th and California location, the Conference and other Cook County councils of government were invited to a meeting at the County building on January 31 to discuss options. Staff will provide a report. Also, Commissioner Silvestri introduced the attached resolution requesting a review and consideration of alternative solutions. The Executive Board recommends that the Conference conditionally support the resolution and request inclusion of the use of Skype or similar video technology to conduct bond hearings.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

E. WaterSense Promotional Partnership (Attachment E)

The Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWP) is encouraging its member councils of governments and their member municipalities to become WaterSense promotional partners. WaterSense is a voluntary, nationally recognized program sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that promotes water conservation and efficiency. Similar to the ENERGYSTAR program, the WaterSense program labels products such as toilets, faucets and showerheads for compliance with WaterSense standards. In addition to the product labeling, WaterSense has a promotional partnership program, whereby partners promote the use of WaterSense products, water conservation and efficiency.

The partnership program is free and provides access to promotional materials like bill inserts, magnet designs, press releases and public service announcements. NWMC members Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines, Evanston, Highland Park, Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg are currently WaterSense Promotional partners. The Executive Board recommends that the NWMC become a WaterSense promotional partner and encourage member municipalities to also become partners.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Bill McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates, Co-Chair and Elizabeth Tisdahl, Mayor, City of Evanston, Co-Chair

1. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2012 Legislative Priorities (Attachment F)

The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommend approval of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' 2012 Legislative Priorities with one addition. Under Federal priorities "electronic commerce" a strong qualifying statement should be added that this support is contingent on any Federal bill not requiring a change in current state sales tax sourcing rules for non-electronic transactions. The approval of all MMC member council of governments is needed for the legislative priorities to become final.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

2. *2012 NWMC Legislative Brunch Recap*

The 2012 NWMC Legislative Brunch was held on Saturday, January 28. Staff will provide a report.

Action Requested: Discussion

3. *NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield*

The Conference's Legislative Days in Springfield are scheduled for Tuesday, March 6 through Thursday, March 8. These dates coincide with the House and Senate deadlines to advance bills out of committee. The Conference will be hosting an informal dinner with NWMC area legislators on Tuesday evening at the Sangamo Club. Members planning to attend should register with Marina Durso at MDurso@NWMC-cog.org as soon as possible.

Action Requested: Register for NWMC Lobby Days in Springfield

4. *Model Resolution Supporting the NWMC 2012 Legislative Program (Attachment G)*

The Executive Board recommends approval of the attached model resolution supporting the NWMC 2012 Legislative Program. The resolution will be sent to Conference members for their consideration.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

VII. Consent Agenda (Attachment H)

Items on the consent agenda are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member requests, in which event the item(s) will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered during the Other Business portion of the agenda.

Action Requested: Approve Consent Agenda

VIII. Other Business

IX. For the Good of the Order

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604.

XI. Adjournment