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**NWMC Board
Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2006
7:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel Northbrook
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook/Prospect Heights, IL**

I. Call to Order

Vice-President Van Dusen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Cary, Mayor Steve Lamal
Crystal Lake, Manager Gary Mayerhofer
Deerfield, Manager Bob Franz
Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glencoe, President Scott Feldman
Hanover Park, Trustee Wesley Eby
Hoffman Estates, President Bill McLeod
Lake Zurich, President John Tolomei
Lincolnwood, Mayor Gerald Turry
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier, Administrator Joe Wade
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
New Trier Township, Supervisor Patricia Cantor
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Northbrook, Manager John Novinson
Prospect Heights, Mayor Rodney Pace
Rolling Meadows, Asst. Manager Barry Krumstok
Roselle, Administrator Robin Weaver
Skokie, Mayor George Van Dusen, Trustee Randall Roberts
Wilmette, President Christopher Canning
Winnetka, Trustee David Abell

*Affiliate Member

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Barrington
Bartlett	Lake Forest
Elk Grove Village	Libertyville
Evanston	Lincolnshire
Glenview	Northfield
Golf	Northfield Township
Grayslake	Palatine
Hawthorn Woods	Park Ridge
Highland Park	Schaumburg
Inverness	Streamwood
Kenilworth	Vernon Hills
	Wheeling

Others in Attendance

Kate Agasie, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Kristi DeLaurentiis, Metropolitan Planning Council
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Chalen Hunter, NWMC Program Associate
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
John Lockerby, Skokie Assistant Manager
Erin Sammon, NWMC Program Associate
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Associate
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director
Lerisa Wilkins, NWMC Program Associate

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Van Dusen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Minutes & Executive Session Minutes – April 19, 2006

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 19 Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership.

V. President's Report – George Van Dusen, NWMC Vice President and Mayor, Village of Skokie

Before proceeding with the program, President Van Dusen welcomed Kristi DeLaurentiis from the Metropolitan Planning Council who was in attendance at the meeting.

A. May Board Meeting Program: Clean Air Counts

President Van Dusen introduced Kate Agasie from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and John Novinson from the Village of Northbrook who presented an update on Clean Air Counts.

Mr. Novinson provided some background information on Clean Air Counts. He has previously served on the ICMA Environmental Mandates Task Force which was engaged in efforts to challenge some of the assumptions and techniques of the EPA at a time when there was a growing set of mandates that were impacting municipalities. The ICMA felt that local priorities should be given some weight in light of the mandates that were coming forth and that municipalities should be viewed as partners. About this time the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus was formed and the EPA expressed interest in building a partnership and through voluntary initiatives informing people of the problems and the ways to address them. Mr. Novinson stated that they have worked with the USEPA, IEPA and with a number of private foundations to improve the quality of our air. Mr. Novinson stated that Clean Air Counts is a regional initiative to reduce ozone-causing emissions, thereby improving air quality and enabling economic development.

Mr. Novinson introduced Kate Agasie of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus who discussed the Clean Air Counts program - what it can do for you and what you need to do in order to join. She stated that Clean Air Counts is an air quality improvement program whose goal is to reduce ozone and particulate matter emissions. They work with organizations and municipalities to educate people on better energy choices and focus on energy efficiency and low volatile organic compounds. Ms. Agasie stated that they will work with organizations to quantify the data and take it back to the IEPA. They offer municipalities many incentives to participate such as grants; technical assistance and research, working with schools and park districts, newsletter articles for residents, as well as offering the lawnmower buyback program for residents. Ms. Agasie reviewed the lawnmower buyback program and also the levels of participation in Clean Air Counts and encouraged municipalities to take a leadership role.

B. Election of FY2006-2007 NWMC Officers

Mayor Van Dusen presented the slate of NWMC Officers for FY2006-2007 for approval:

President:	George Van Dusen, Mayor, Village of Skokie
Vice-President	Anthony Arredia , Mayor, City of Des Plaines
Secretary	Jill Brickman, Supervisor, Northfield Township
Treasurer	Timothy W. Schuenke, Manager, City of Park Ridge

Motion was made by President McLeod to approve the slate of officers. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership. The new officers will be installed at the Annual Banquet on June 14.

C. NWMC Annual Banquet Update/Reminder

President Van Dusen reminded membership of the Annual Banquet scheduled for June 14 at The Stonegate in the Village of Hoffman Estates. Reservations are due by May 31.

D. Authorization to Act During the Summer

President Van Dusen stated that the Executive Board recommended that membership approve a motion empowering the Executive Board to act on all issues requiring approval during the summer recess which begins following the May membership meeting.

Motion to approve the Executive Board recommendation was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Arredia and approved by membership.

E. Illinois Mercury Reduction Rule

Mr. Fowler stated that in January, Governor Blagojevich announced a proposal that would cut mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants by 90% by July 1, 2009. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requested that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and participating councils of government support the proposal. The Executive Board reviewed the proposal and recommended that the Conference endorse it.

Motion to approve the Executive Board recommendation was made by President McLeod. It was seconded by President Darch and approved by membership.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Tony Arredia, Mayor, City of Des Plaines, Co-chair and Elliott Hartstein, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Co-Chair

Session Update

Mr. Bury reported that the Klaeren legislation passed and is awaiting the governor's signature. President Hartstein stated that a debt of gratitude is owed to our legislators who worked hard on the changes to the Klaeren legislation.

B. Program Services Committee – Michael Earl, Manager, Village of Wilmette, Chair

Crack Sealing & Lane Marking Program

Ms. Wilkins reported that 45 municipalities are participating in the 2006 NWMC Crack Sealing and Lane Marking Programs. Bid openings were held on May 3 and the anticipated start date for the contracts is May 25. Award announcements and copies of the contracts will be sent to all participating municipalities.

C. Stormwater Management Committee - Tony Arredia, Mayor, City of Des Plaines, Chair

MWRD Study Session

Mayor Arredia stated that Levy 37 will break ground this year and that the Big Bend is already cost justified. He reported that he and staff attended a study session where the MWRD discussed the process for funding of capital projects.

D. Transportation Committee – President George Van Dusen, Village of Skokie, Chair

- Resolution to Approve Planning Liaison Scope of Services and Budget*
President Van Dusen stated that each year an annual resolution must be passed to

approve the planning liaison scope of services and budget. This is to secure UWP funding through CATS and IDOT for support of NWMC Transportation planning services. These funds are utilized by the Conference for transportation-related salaries and expenses. The FY2007 Scope of Services contained no significant changes from 2006. The Executive Board recommended approval of the Scope of Services and Budget.

Motion was made by Mayor Mulder to approve the Resolution for Planning Liaison Scope of Services and Budget. It was seconded by Mayor Arredia and approved by membership.

2. *Regional Planning Board Governance Proposals*

Mr. Walczak reported on the two Regional Planning (RPB) governance options. One option expands the RPB from its current fifteen members (representing the City of Chicago, Cook County, and the collar counties) to include transportation and land use agencies from the region. This new board would assume the role as the region's federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) from the CATS Policy Committee. This option would likely result in a federal redesignation process due to a change in the representation on the MPO.

Mr. Walczak stated that the second option keeps the existing CATS Policy Committee structure intact, while acting as an advisory committee to the existing RPB. The Policy Committee, as the region's MPO, would retain final approval authority for the region's transportation plans. This option is unlikely to trigger a federal re-designation process. He stated that there will be a meeting in June to make a recommendation which will be sent to the General Assembly.

President Hartstein stated that these options were what the consultant had recommended and the Board did not go on record with regard to any one of these options. He stated that there is great concern about changing the MPO as it stands, but on the other hand the RPB wants to have involvement in the process in terms of integrating land use and transportation planning. President Hartstein also stated that a citizen's advisory committee is being selected and it will have an opportunity to have input on any plans that emanate from the Regional Planning Board. A final recommendation for the committee will be ready for the June meeting.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Mayor Arredia to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by Mayor Pace and approved by members. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for March 2006

VIII. Other Business

President McLeod stated that there was a meeting with Congressman Bean at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday in Schaumburg to discuss the telecommunications bill, and he invited members to attend.

IX. For the Good of the Order

None.

X. Next Meeting

The next Full Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by President Tolomei. It was seconded by Trustee Preston and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.