

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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- George Van Dusen
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- Mark L. Fowler

**NWMC Board
Minutes**

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

7:00 p.m.

Radisson Hotel

**2875 North Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook/Prospect Heights, IL**

I. Call to Order

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, Manager Bill Dixon
 Barrington, President Karen Darch
 Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
 Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
 Cary, Administrator Cameron Davis
 Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
 Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone
 Elk Grove Village, Trustee Jim Petri
 Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
 Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
 Hanover Park, Trustee Wesley Eby
 Harwood Heights, Administrator Larry Noller
 Lincolnwood, Mayor Gerald Turry
 Morton Grove, President Rick Krier, Administrator Joe Wade
 Mount Prospect, Assistant Manager Dave Strahl
 Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
 Northbrook, President Eugene Marks, Manager John Novinson
 Prospect Heights, Administrator Matt Zimmerman
 Rolling Meadows, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
 Roselle, Administrator Jeff O'Dell
 Schaumburg, Mayor Al Larson
 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
Crystal Lake	Lake Zurich
Deerfield	Lake Libertyville
Evanston	Lincolnshire
Glencoe	New Trier Township
Golf	Northfield
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Hawthorn Woods	Palatine
Highland Park	Park Ridge
Hoffman Estates	Streamwood
Inverness	Vernon Hills
Kenilworth	Wheeling

Others in Attendance

Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Carole R. Doris, METRA
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Chalen Hunter, NWMC Program Associate
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
John Lockerby, Village of Skokie
Lesley McCain, Community Energy
Michael Scorrano, Pareto Energy Ltd
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Associate
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Van Dusen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Van Dusen informed members that Elk Grove Township Supervisor Dick Hall passed away and asked for a moment of silence in his memory. President Van Dusen stated that a memorial service was being held on November 10 at Grove Memorial Chapel in Elk Grove Village.

IV. Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2006

Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2006 meeting was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by Mayor Larson and approved by membership

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

A. Introduction of New Metra Board Chair

Mayor Mulder introduced Carole R. Doris, new chairperson of the Metra Board, who shared her vision for the future of Metra. She stated that the new METRA budget contains a 2% increase over last year and emphasized the need for state initiated funds and for a local match in order to move forward. Ms. Doris also requested the support of the mayors in these efforts.

B. November Board Meeting Program: Energy Improvement Districts

President Van Dusen introduced Michael Scorrano from Pareto Energy Ltd. who discussed Energy Improvement Districts. Mr. Scorrano stated that Pareto Energy is a collection of specialists dedicated to energy infrastructure planning, sustainable development and energy savings for government and business. Mr. Scorrano stated that one approach to containing energy costs is to use energy improvement districts (EID's) which utilize municipal bonds to plan, finance and install small on-site fuel cell power plants to deliver local power. These EID's can result in municipal savings due to lower cost of operation and are environmentally friendly and help spur economic growth.

President Van Dusen then introduced John Novinson, Northbrook Village Manager, who discussed his village's wind energy program. Mr. Novinson stated that in August of 2006 their water utility transferred to wind energy which is purchased from wind farms and they have been pleased with the results. Ms. McCain of Community Energy which builds, develops and markets the wind farms explained in more detail what Northbrook had done and its positive environmental impact.

C. Joint Meeting with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference

Mr. Fowler stated that a joint meeting with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, at the new Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center. The evening will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. United States Senators Barack Obama and Richard Durbin have been invited to the meeting to address the attendees on issues of mutual concern following the dinner.

D. Smoke Free Ordinance Exemptions

President Van Dusen stated that President Larson's presentation on Schaumburg's smoking ban will be deferred to a future meeting.

E. Chicago Community Trust "Immigration Integration" Grants

Mr. Fowler stated that Jewish Child and Family Services (JCFS) and Roosevelt University contacted staff to assess interest in having the Conference support grant applications to the Chicago Community Trust to address immigrant integration. The Chicago Community Trust is issuing ten grants over the next three years for this purpose. Mr. Fowler stated that staff has reviewed the proposals and background on the grant and recommends that the Conference express its support of the grant applications.

Motion to support the grant applications was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by President Marks and approved by membership.

F. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

1. MMC Executive Board Appointments

President Van Dusen stated that the MMC has requested that each of the member councils of government appoint representatives to the MMC Executive Board for FY06-07. Traditionally, the Conference past president served as the delegate with the current president serving as the alternate. The Executive Board recommended that President Hartstein and Mayor Van Dusen represent the Conference on the MMC Executive Board.

Motion to approve the appointments to the MMC Executive Board was made by President Marks. It was seconded by Trustee Preston and approved by membership.

2. *MMC Economic Development Workbook*
Mr. Bury stated that the MMC's "Retail Development 1-2-3" economic development workbook is designed to be a guide for elected officials for attracting and retaining retail development. The MMC is seeking formal approval from each of the COGs. The draft report was sent to the Conference's economic development directors for their input, and the Executive Board recommended endorsement of the workbook.

Motion to endorse the MMC's "Retail Development 1-2-3" economic development workbook was made by President Marks. It was seconded by Mayor Arredia and approved by membership.

3. *MMC CMAP Task Force*
Mr. Fowler stated that the Mayors Caucus has created a task force to act as a sounding board for issues concerning CMAP as they move forward with their legislative package to further establish the agency and fund their efforts. He stated that the MMC has requested that each member council of government recommend mayors without an affiliation to CMAP or similar agencies to serve on the task force to act as a sounding board for ideas. The Executive Board recommended that Mayor Arredia, President Darch and Mayor Nelson represent the Conference on the CMAP Task Force.

Motion to approve the Mayors Arredia, Darch and Nelson to the MMC CMAP Task Force was made by Trustee Petrone. It was seconded by Trustee Preston and approved by membership.

4. *Next Caucus Business Meeting*
President Van Dusen stated that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus next quarterly business meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14. He encouraged all interested mayors to contact the Conference if they are interested in attending.

VI. Priority Issues

A. **Legislative Committee – Elliott Hartstein, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Co-Chair and Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington, Co-chair** *2007 Legislative Program Initiatives*

President Hartstein stated that the Legislative Committee reviewed the recommendations for the 2007 Legislative Program with the primary focus being on the transportation infrastructure capital bill, defining "catastrophic injury" in PSEBA, and protecting taxpayer interests from unnecessary pension liabilities such as DROP legislation. President Hartstein also encouraged members to write their representatives regarding the DROP legislation. The Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the 2007 NWMC Legislative Program.

Motion was made by President Hartstein to approve the 2007 Legislative Program. The motion was seconded by Mayor Arredia and approved by membership.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for September 2006
- North Shore Council of Mayors TIP Changes

VIII. Other Business

President Van Dusen stated that an Emerald Ash Borer Legislative Roundtable Discussion would be held at the Mount Prospect Village Hall on November 13. An invitation was sent to membership.

President Canning shared his village's experience with the Emerald Ash Borer infestation.

IX. For the Good of the Order

None.

X. Next Meeting

President Van Dusen stated the Conference and the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference will hold a joint meeting on Wednesday, December 13, at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Schaumburg

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by President Marks and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.