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Des Plaines
Elk Grove Twp.
Elk Grove Village
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Fox River Grove
Glencoe
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Kenilworth
Lake Barrington
Lake Forest
Lake Zurich
Libertyville
Lincolnshire
Lincolnwood
Morton Grove
Mount Prospect
New Trier Twp.
Niles
Northbrook
Northfield
Northfield Twp.
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Park Ridge
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NWMC Board

Minutes

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

7:30 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 7:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Van Dusen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Bartlett, President Catherine Melchert
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Deerfield, Manager Bob Franz
Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone
Elk Grove Village, Asst. to Manager Matthew Roan
Evanston, Manager Julia Carroll
Glencoe, Manager Paul Harlow
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Harwood Heights, Finance Manager Larry Noller
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
Lake Zurich, President John Tolomei
Morton Grove, Administrator Joe Wade
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Northbrook, President Eugene Marks
Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins
Prospect Heights, Mayor Rodney Pace
Rolling Meadows, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
Roselle, Administrator Jeff O'Dell
Schaumburg, President Al Larson
Skokie, Mayor George Van Dusen, Trustee Randall Roberts
Wilmette, President Christopher Canning

Members Absent

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| Antioch | Lake Forest |
| Cary | Libertyville |
| Crystal Lake | Lincolnshire |
| Fox River Grove | Lincolnwood |
| Golf | New Trier Township |
| Grayslake | Northfield |
| Hanover Park | Northfield Township |
| Hawthorn Woods | Park Ridge |
| Highland Park | Streamwood |
| Inverness | Vernon Hills |
| Kenilworth | Wheeling |
| Lake Barrington | Winnetka |

Others in Attendance

Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Chalen Hunter, NWMC Program Manager
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
John Lockerby, Skokie
Andy Plummer, RTA
Eve Pytel, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Erin Sammon, Program Associate
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

IV. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2007

Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

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

A. February Board Meeting Program - Clean Air Counts Awards

President Marks discussed the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Clean Air Counts program which is funded by the EPA and private foundations to work with businesses, institutions and communities to improve air quality in the region. President Marks presented awards to the City of Evanston, Village of Bartlett, Village of Buffalo Grove and Village of Deerfield for their efforts on behalf of Clean Air Counts. The villages of Arlington Heights, Niles and Palatine received their awards at the December 16 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus meeting. The deadline for the next round of awards is April 15.

Ms. Pytel from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus distributed a Clean Air Counts Tool Book to members which contains grant and award applications. She requested that members contact her with any questions on the Clean Air Counts Program.

B. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Special Meeting on Education Funding Reform

Mr. Fowler stated that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Education Reform Task Force held a special meeting to gather information on existing funding reform proposals and SB 750, as well as hear discussions and presentations by the City of Chicago, various

suburban municipalities, and other groups. President Hartstein stated that at the end of the meeting the mayors voted to authorize the task force to formulate legislation which will take into consideration SB750 and those measures proposed by the various groups present at the meeting.

President Melchert felt that it was an important meeting and stated that the task force needs to promote academic and financial accountability from school districts across the state. She also stated that there must not be complete reliance on property taxes to fund education and this is what the task force is about.

Mayor Mulder felt that members need to educate themselves on education funding reform and support the work of the Caucus on this important issue.

President Van Dusen suggested that the Conference invite Ralph Martire who spoke at the MMC Education Task Force meeting, to speak at the Conference April Board meeting on education reform and also the state's fiscal crisis. President Van Dusen asked if members had any objections to this and the consensus was to invite Mr. Martire to speak at the April Board meeting.

VI. Priority Issues

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

1. IML Pension Study

Mr. Bury stated that the IML Pension Study is completed and will be released shortly. The IML plans to host a briefing for mayors to explain the study. The IML tried to keep the study as analytical as possible and to avoid putting any strong conclusions into it. The Executive Board has asked Mr. Bury to prepare a summary for review by the Conference Legislative Committee.

2. NWMC Legislative Day

President Van Dusen stated that NWMC Legislative Days will be held on March 7 and 8 in Springfield. A detailed agenda and event registration form were sent to members. Governor Blagojevich is scheduled to give his state budget address and members were asked to contact their legislators for passes to the gallery.

3. NWMC Legislative Information Center

Mr. Bury stated that a new section has been added to the NWMC website to improve dissemination of information to residents and the general public regarding legislation that impacts local governments. The section is designed to include information about pending bills and their impact on local government; a link to help the public identify their legislators; a copy of the 2007 NWMC Legislative Program; and a link to the General Assembly website.

B. Finance Committee – Timothy Schuenke, Manager, City of Park Ridge, Chair and Jim Norris, Manager, Village of Hoffman Estates, Co-Chair

1. Financial Consultant Contract

Mr. Fowler stated that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of a two-year contract with NWMC Financial Consultant Laurie Hayes of Financial Management Assistance Unlimited. The contract calls for a five-percent increase over the two-year term of the agreement.

Motion to approve the contract for Financial Consult Laurie Hayes was made

by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

2. *Legislative Consultant Contract*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of a two-year contract with Legislative Consultant Bill Anderson of Anderson Legislative Consulting, Inc. The contract calls for a five-percent increase over the two-year term of the agreement.

Motion to approve the contract for Legislative Consultant Bill Anderson was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

3. *FY07-08 NWMC Financial & Investment Policies*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee reviews the Financial and Investment Policies prior to the budget process each year. The committee recommended addition of a section on collateralization. The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of the amended FY2007-2008 NWMC Financial and Investment Policies.

Motion to approve the FY2007-08 Financial and Investment Policies was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by President Marks and approved by membership.

C. Best Practices Committee – Paul Harlow, Manager, Village of Glencoe, Chair

1. *Emerald Ash Borer Update*

Ms. Hunter stated that on January 30 several state legislators met with the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA) at the NWMC offices to discuss funding options and a regional Emerald Ash Borer eradication plan. As a result of the meeting, the Emerald Ash Borer Municipal Task Force will meet with the IDA to discuss a municipal plan and funding. Recommendations from that meeting will be forwarded to State Senators Susan Garrett and Jeff Schoenberg for further action.

2. *NWMC Environmental Stewardship Award Program*

Ms. Hunter stated that the Executive Board and NWMC Environmental Best Practices Committee recommended creation of the Northwest Municipal Conference Community Environmental Stewardship Award. The award is an opportunity for municipalities to showcase environmentally-friendly programs and practices. The Community Environmental Stewardship Award will be presented at the NWMC Annual Banquet on June 20 in Skokie.

Motion to approve creation of the Community Environmental Stewardship Award was made by Mayor Pace. It was seconded by President Larson and approved by membership.

D. Program Services Committee – Craig Anderson, Manager, Village of Carpentersville, Chair

Mr. Widmer stated that the Program Services Committee approved three additional SPC vehicle contracts for purchase by all member municipalities and townships and also schools, park districts, libraries, counties and not-for-profit organizations in the State of Illinois. The contracts approved were for the 2008 Ford F-450 XL Heavy-Duty (Chassis

Cab); 2008 Ford F-550 XL Heavy-Duty (Chassis Cab); and 2007 Ford Expedition SSV (SUV).

E. Transportation Committee – William McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates, Co-Chair and Kerry Cummings, President, Glenview, Co-Chair

1. CMAP Legislative Priorities

Mr. Fowler stated that there has been significant discussion and legislative movement regarding the Metropolitan Planning Act and CMAP. Rep. Bassi is working to introduce an amendment to SB2 to allow for CMAP employees to be placed into IMRF and there has been a significant amount of movement to re-designate the MPO in this amendment and grant CMAP bonding authority. Rep. Bassi is looking for comments on the legislative proposal and feels that this process is moving too slowly. Mr. Fowler stated that there is a lot of movement going on with this issue and two additional bills have been introduced regarding CMAP. At this point, Mr. Fowler stated that CMAP has drafted a letter with staff recommendations for Rep. Bassi's bill.

2. RTA Moving Beyond Congestion Update

Mr. Fowler stated that the Regional Transportation Authority introduced "Moving Beyond Congestion" which is their final strategic report regarding the future of mass transit funding in Illinois. This plan will form the basis for the RTA funding requests to the General Assembly. President Hartstein stated that the Conference needs to take the time to review the various financing alternatives.

Metra STAR Line Update

Mr. Walczak stated that Metra is continuing modeling work on the STAR Line as part of the federally required Alternatives Analysis process. An employer survey is being conducted by the STAR Line Business Alliance which will help Metra further refine its ridership forecasts and circulation needs at potential station locations. Metra representatives recently met with Senator Dick Durbin to continue to stress the importance of the STAR Line.

4. 2007 NWMC Bicycle Plan and Map Contract Award

Ms. Hunter stated that the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee awarded the 2007 Regional Bicycle Plan and Map contract to TY Lin International. TY Lin's bid was reviewed by NWMC staff and approved by the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee. The Conference received a \$20,000 grant from CMAP for bicycle planning in the North Shore and Northwest Council of Mayors. The Committee will work with TY Lin to develop a bicycle and pedestrian plan and map by June 30, 2007.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by President Hartstein to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by President Larson and approved by membership. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for December 2006

VIII. Executive Session: Executive Director Review Process

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the Executive Director review process was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership. Staff and guests were excused and the Board entered into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion to return to regular session was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership. The meeting returned to regular session at 8:45 p.m.

IX. Other Business

Trustee Preston asked for a show of hands of those who were planning to attend to the National League of Cities meeting in March.

Mayor Mullins stated that the American Cancer Society has a model resolution urging a statewide smoking ban. There is also a bus on March 13 going to Springfield to lobby on the smoking ban.

X. For the Good of the Order

President Larson stated that there is an upcoming boat and sport show at the Schaumburg Convention center.

President Wilkes stated that May 8 is the last date for canvas of for elections and it may pose a problem for some boards who don't swear in the boards until May 15. She stated that it may be necessary to lobby legislators to get the date changed.

XI. Next Meeting

President Van Dusen stated that the next Full Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, at the Radisson Hotel in Northbrook/Prospect Heights.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.