



Southwest Conference of MAYORS

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Orland Park Village Hall

14700 South Ravinia Avenue

5:30 P.M. – Refreshments

6:00 P.M. - Cal-Sag WSPC Meeting

7:00 P.M. - SCM Business Meeting

Village of Alsip
 Village of Bedford Park
 City of Blue Island
 Village of Bridgeview
 City of Burbank
 Village of Chicago Ridge
 Village of Crestwood
 Village of Evergreen Park
 City of Hickory Hills
 City of Hometown
 Village of Justice
 Village of Lemont
 Village of Merrionette Park
 Village of Oak Lawn
 Village of Orland Hills
 Village of Orland Park
 City of Palos Heights
 City of Palos Hills
 Village of Palos Park
 Village of Willow Springs
 Village of Worth

Gerald R. Bennett

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Mayor, City of Palos Hills

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President, Village of Chicago Ridge

James J. Sexton

Vice President

Mayor, Village of Evergreen Park

Robert S. Straz

Treasurer

Mayor, City of Palos Heights

Victoria A. Smith

Executive Director

- I. Call to Order, Welcome & Approval of the November 30, 2011 Meeting Minutes Mayor Bennett
- II. Guest Speakers
 - Adam Collopy, Account Executive - WGN Radio
Presentation on the Bedford Park Successful Partnership
 - Laura Shallow, V.P. Public Funds Group - Fifth Third Bank
Presentation on Collaborative Possibilities for SCM Members
- III. President's Report Mayor Bennett
- IV. Treasurer's Report Mayor Straz
- V. Executive Director's Report Vicky Smith
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Transportation Committee President Brady
 - 1. IDOT Program Update Earl Dunn
 - 2. IDOT Local Roads Update Chad Riddle
 - 3. Local STP Report Allison Bos
 - 4. Illinois Toll Highway Authority Update Bunny Anderson
 - 5. CMAP Report Gordon Smith
 - 6. RTA Update Andy Plummer
 - 7. Planning Liaison Update Allison Bos
 - B. Legislative Committee Report President Siegel
 - C. Utilities Committee Report Mayor Sexton
 - 1. Update Given by Utilities Companies' Representatives
 - D. Economic Development Committee Mayor Straz
 - E. Public Works Committee Allison Bos

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F. Cal-Sag Watershed Planning Council

Vicky Smith

VII. Other Business

A. CSCVB Update

B. MVCC Update

"The Democracy Commitment Project"

C. Miscellaneous Task Forces/Committees Updates

Jim Garrett

Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone

VIII. Old Business / New Business

IX. Next Meetings/Events

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

SCM Transportation Committee Meeting

9:30 A.M.

Bedford Park Village Hall

Saturday, February 25, 2012

SCM Municipal Expo

8:30 A.M.

Belvedere Chateau

8055 West 103rd Street, Palos Hills

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

SCM Public Works Committee Meeting

9:30 A.M.

Palos Hills Golf Course

Thursday, March 22, 2012

Public Works Larvicide Training

9:00 A.M.

Orland Park Civic Center

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

SCM Business Meeting

6:30 P.M. - Refreshments

7:00 P.M. - SCM Business Meeting

Lemont Village Hall

X. Adjournment

**Southwest Conference of Mayors
November 30, 2011—Meeting Minutes
Bedford Park Village Hall**

NAME	TITLE	REPRESENTING
Jerry Bennett	Mayor	City of Palos Hills
Dave Weakley	Comm. of Public Works	City of Palos Hills
Gene Siegel	President	Village of Chicago Ridge
Dave Brady	President	Village of Bedford Park
Patrick Kitching	President	Village of Alsip
Randy Keller	President	Village of Worth
Kris Wasowicz	Mayor	Village of Justice
John Mahoney	Mayor	Village of Palos Park
James Cecott	Trustee	Village of Bridgeview
James Lurquin	Municipal Services Administrator	Village of Justice
Rick Boehm	Manager	Village of Palos Park
Paul Grimes	Manager	Village of Orland Park
Ron Stapleton	Trustee	Village of Lemont
Larry Boettcher	Director of Public Works	City of Hickory Hills
Bill Lorenz	Director of Public Works	Village of Evergreen Park
William Murray	Administrator	Village of Willow Springs
Bunny Anderson	Project Liaison	Illinois Toll Highway
Jon Vaznelis	Program Manager	Morris Engineering
Harry Gilmore	Senior Project Manager	Robinson Engineering
Charles Crump	Consultant	URS Corporation
Jen McNeil Dhadwal	Consultant	URS Corporation
Jim Tansor	Community Relations Director	Nicor Gas
Pamela Haney	Dean Science, Bus. & Com. Tech	MVCC
John Sands	Department Chair	MVCC
Yohan Fernando	Sr. Manager Government Affairs	Comcast
John Allen	Legislative Analyst	CMAP
Andy Plummer	Consultant	RTA
Jim Garrett	President/CEO	Chicago Conv. & Visitors Bureau
Tom Joseph	Government Affairs	Illinois Association Realtors
Tim Klass	Village Engineer	Frank Novotny & Associates Inc.
Jerry Mytych	Director of External Affairs	AT&T
John Doria	Director Government Affairs	CBBEL
Dave Vandervelde	Engineer	CBBEL
Marc Grigas	Engineer	Strand Associates
Chad Riddle	Program & Office Engineer	IDOT, Local Roads
Earl Dunn	Area Programmer	IDOT
Vicky Smith	Executive Director	Southwest Conference of Mayors
Allison Bos	Program Coordinator	Southwest Conference of Mayors
Danielle Reinhart	Administrative	Southwest Conference of Mayors

Attachments referred to in these minutes can be obtained by contacting the Southwest Conference of Mayors office at (708) 403-6132

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 7:00 P.M. The minutes of October 26, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by President Brady and a second by President Siegel.

Guest Speakers

Mayor Bennett welcomed and introduced Jennifer McNeil Dhadwal and Charlie Crump of URS Corporation. Ms. Dhadwal and Mr. Crump provided an overview of what was done with the Harlem Avenue Corridor Plan that has concluded. Mayor Bennett added that the SCM has received another grant to proceed with the plan for the Cicero Avenue Corridor that is due to begin in January.

Mayor Bennett thanked Ms. Dhadwal and Mr. Crump and expressed his appreciation on the details that went into the Harlem Avenue project. Ms. Smith added that any towns who are interested in moving forward with specific projects, to please follow up with Ms. Smith or Ms. Bos to apply for STP funds.

Presidents Report

Mayor Bennett discussed municipal electric aggregation process. He encouraged cooperating together after the passing of any referendum to come up with the best opportunity for a municipality to reduce its residents energy bills.

Mayor Bennett presented that Cook County is proposing an ordinance on vacant property maintenance on December 14, 2011. He added that while the ordinance is mainly for unincorporated areas, municipalities will have the option to enter into their own agreements with the county to enforce the ordinance within their own boundaries.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Smith presented the Southwest Conference of Mayor's Executive Report. Topics that were covered included information on the Municipal Expo that the SCM will be hosting on Saturday, February 25th, 2012 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Belvedere Chateau in Palos Hills; an update on the approval of the continuation of the Cook County Graffiti Removal Program; DCEO hosting Sustainable Energy Planning Workshops on December 13 and 14; the introduction of a Vacant Building Ordinance that has been presented to the Cook County Board Commissioner; presentation of a new Pace Route that begin November 21; expansion of the Thomas Dodge Coop Purchase Program now available on the internet at www.dodgecopcars.com; update on 2012 meeting and event dates to be mailed out to members in mid-December; and a reminder to continually check SCM website at www.swmayors.com for most up to date information.

Committee Reports

Transportation Committee

President Brady noted that the Transportation Committee has received the following request that needs Conference approval:

- 1.) The Village of Alsip submitted a request for STP funding for the construction of street lighting along the Cicero Avenue Bridge over the Cal-Sag Channel. Both engineering and construction are estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2012. Estimated total project cost is \$97,750; estimated total federal cost is \$68,425. On a motion by President Siegel and seconded by Mayor Wasowicz the request was approved.

President Brady noted that the SCM Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for December 13, 2011 has been cancelled. The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at the Bedford Park Village Hall at 9:30 A.M.

IDOT Program Update

Mr. Dunn presented the Management Monitoring Schedule dated November 30, 2011. Mr. Dunn provided an update to specific projects on the schedule.

IDOT Local Roads Update

Mr. Riddle presented an update to the Local Roads and Streets Status Sheet for Federal Aid Projects within the Southwest Conference dated 11/30/11.

Local STP Report

Ms. Bos reported that the only update at this time is the Federal SCM 2012 Programmed Amount has been raised to \$13,335,832.

Illinois Toll Highway Authority Update

Ms. Anderson reported on the Illinois Toll Highway Authority, regarding the rehabilitation and widening of the Veterans Memorial Toll way (I-355) and the toll increase that becomes effective January 1, 2012.

CMAP Report

Mr. Allen reported that there was no report available at this time.

RTA Update

Mr. Plummer gave an update on the budget and how the RTA anticipates a reasonable budget process. Mr. Plummer provided an update on the Senior Ride Free Program and its new transition into a 2-part program called the Reduced Fare Program and the Circuit Ride Free program. Mr. Plummer provided an update regarding their concern over a significant amount of sales tax being diverted in Northwestern Illinois. This update included RTA filing a lawsuit based on pass legislation that prohibits any municipality from entering into a tax sharing agreement with a company if that company is not being used in any legitimate business within the municipality and rightfully should be paying its taxes to another local government.

Mayor Bennett thanked the RTA for the money the SCM received for the Harlem Avenue Corridor Study and Cicero Avenue Corridor Study.

Planning Liaison Update

Ms. Bos gave an update on the Bike and Pedestrian Task Force meeting that took place on November 7 where they met with the Active Transportation Alliance to review their first draft for bike plans. Ms. Bos added that there is much concern over some of the plans reviewed and encouraged participation at an upcoming meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 10 A.M. to draft our own plans to present regarding the concerns we have.

Legislative Committee Report

President Siegel reported that there are no major issues to report at this time.

Utilities Committee Report

Mayor Bennett introduced the Utility Representatives. Jerry Mytych mentioned that A T & T projects are not getting the attention they deserve and that if you have an upcoming project to please let him know rather than the engineers. Jim Tansor of Nicor Gas presented information on cash incentives for projects that increase energy efficiency through DCEO. Mr. Tansor included that DCEO is working with electric and natural gas utilities to offer programs to reach targeted annual energy saving goals within municipalities. Mayor Bennett expressed concern about the amount being paid out of the Southwest Suburbs to the City of Chicago for water rates that are due to substantially increase over the next five years.

Public Works Committee

Ms. Bos provided an update on the meeting that took place on Tuesday, November 22, 2011. Ms. Bos added that at this meeting all the dates for the 2012 meetings were agreed upon and that Toyota Park will remain the central location where the meetings will take place due to convenience for all involved. Ms. Bos stated that at this meeting a presentation was given by GIS who works with the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. If anyone is interested in more information regarding GIS, please contact Ms. Bos.

Cal-Sag Watershed Planning Council

Ms. Smith reported that the next Cal Sag WSPC Meeting will take place at 6:00 P.M. on January 31, 2012 at Orland Park Village Hall, prior to the business meeting.

Other Business

CSCVB Update

Jim Garrett provided an update for gaming and the signage that is still needed. Mr. Garrett added that a meeting concerning this update will take place on December 7, 2011 in Alsip.

MVCC Update

John Sands introduced information on courses geared for Workforce Development in High Technology Industries that are being offered at MVCC.

Old Business / New Business

President Brady thanked Ms. Smith for the 20 years of service and the thank you cards that she sent out.

Adjournment

On a motion by President Brady and seconded by President Keller the Southwest Conference of Mayors' meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.