

**Southwest Conference of Mayors
April 30, 2018—Meeting Minutes
Chicago Ridge Village Hall**

NAME	TITLE	REPRESENTING
Bob Straz	Mayor	City of Palos Heights
Mary Werner	President	Village of Worth
John Mahoney	Mayor	Village of Palos Park
Dave Brady	President	Village of Bedford Park
Kevin Casey	Mayor	City of Hometown
Jerry Bennett	Mayor	City of Palos Hills
Chuck Tokar	President	Village of Chicago Ridge
James Sexton	Mayor	Village of Evergreen Park
Keith Pekau	President	Village of Orland Park
John Egofske	President	Village of Lemont
Dan Foy	Mayor	City of Burbank
George Schafer	Village Administrator	Village of Lemont
James Cecott	Trustee	Village of Bridgeview
Rick Boehm	Manager	Village of Palos Park
Matthew Zarebczan	Dir. of Econ. Development	Village of Justice
Brian O'Neill	Asst. Village Admin	Village of Orland Hills
Stan Barwock	Director of PW	Village of Chicago Ridge
Steve Barrett	Director of PW	Village of Oak Lawn
Earl Dunn	Programmer	IDOT-State Routes
Chad Riddle	Program & Office Engineer	IDOT-D1-BLRS
Rocco Zucchero	Chief Planning Officer	IL Tollway
Benet Haller	Govern. Affairs	CCDOH
Jessica Rybarczyk	Comm. Relations	PACE
Jim Garrett	President	CSCVB
Andrew Pufundt	Engineer	CBBEL
Tom Fagan	Senior Analyst	Azavar
Yohan Fernando	Sr. Manager Govt. Affairs	Comcast
Sam Balark	External Affairs Manager	AT & T
Timothy Klass	Project Manager	Novotny Engineering
Tom Joseph	Gov. Affairs	Realtors Association
Steve Pappageorge	Executive Director	MVCC
Leanne Redden	Executive Director	RTA
Demetrios Skoufis	Legislative Affairs	Metra
Sis Killian	Asst. Superintendent	CCDOH
Vicky Smith	Executive Director	Southwest Conference of Mayors
Kelsey Mulhausen	Program Coordinator	Southwest Conference of Mayors

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Mayor Bennett calls the meeting to order at 7:08PM and the minutes from the March 28th, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Mayor Sexton and on a second by Mayor Tokar.

Guest Speakers

Leanne Redden with the Regional Transportation Authority gave a presentation on the Invest in Transit-Implementing the 2018 Transit Strategic Plan.

Rocco Zucchero, the Chief Planning Officer for the Illinois Tollway provided an update on the Central Tri-State Reconstruction Project.

Demetrios Skoufis with Metra and Sis Killen with Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways presented an update for the Conference on the CREATE 75th Street CIP INFRA Grant Application.

President's Report

Mayor Bennett saved the President's report for when he gave his Legislative report.

Executive Directors Report

Ms. Smith thanked the Mayors for the representation in Springfield. She went over SCM's upcoming events.

Committee Reports:

Transportation Committee

President Brady announced that the next Transportation Committee Meeting is on May 8, 2019 at Bedford Park Village Hall.

IDOT Program Update

Mr. Dunn gave a handout identifying projects within the Conference.

IDOT Local Roads Update

Chad Riddle went through his IDOT Local Roads handout. Mr. Riddle told the municipalities to get their project changes into the Planning Liaison.

Local STP Report

Kelsey Mulhausen reported that federal fiscal year 2018 has been a robust year for STP-Local projects. She announced that \$141.5 million has been obligated thus far. Ms. Mulhausen said that she has been meeting regularly with CMAP, IDOT and FHWA to discuss options to better improve the STP Program with Active Program Management as the focus.

Cook County Highway Department Update

Benet Haller went over projects associated with Cook County throughout the Southwest region. He discussed the pavement preservation plan.

Planning Liaison Report

Kelsey Mulhausen announced the current call for projects that are open at this time and upcoming deadlines.

Legislative Committee Report

Mayor Bennett thanked the Mayors for attending Lobby Day in Springfield. Mayor Bennett discussed the issue of LDGF and how pension consolidation is a priority to the Conference. President Pekau brought up Cook County's prevailing wage and said no development means no jobs. President Pekau urged the Mayors to look into the prevailing wage so the local businesses do not suffer.

Utilities Committee Report

Mayor Sexton informed the members of the Conference to check their franchise agreements with ComEd.

Economic Development Committee

Mayor Straz reminded the Mayor's that SCM will be hosting a Planning Commission Training Workshop on September 12, 2018.

Public Works Committee

Kelsey Mulhausen stated that the next Public Works Committee Meeting will take place on July 17, 2018 at the Oak Lawn Public Works building.

Cal-Sag Watershed Committee

Vicky Smith gave an overview of the Cal-Sag Watershed Committee Meeting.

Old Business/New Business**CSCVB Update:**

Jim Garrett echoed the negative impacts of the Cook County prevailing wage and how terrible it would be for economic development and provided an update on the activities of the

MVCC:

Steve Pappageorge announced different programs being offered by Moraine Valley Community College and gave an update on other activities at MVCC.

Adjournment

On a motion by President Egofske and seconded by Mayor Mahoney the Southwest Conference of Mayors' meeting was adjourned at 8:54PM.