

**Southwest Conference of Mayors  
September 26, 2018—Meeting Minutes  
Palos Hill City Hall  
10335 South Roberts Road  
Palos Hills, IL 60465**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
John Mahoney	Mayor	City of Palos Park
Jerry Bennett	Mayor	City of Palos Hills
Sandra Bury	Mayor	City of Oak Lawn
Chuck Tokar	President	Village of Chicago Ridge
Kris Wasowicz	Mayor	Village of Justice
John Ryan	Mayor	Village of Alsip
John Egofske	President	Village of Lemont
James Cecott	Trustee	Village of Bridgeview
Brent Woods	Administrator	Village of Willow Springs
Brian O'Neill	Asst. Administration	Village of Orland Hills
Dan Godfrey	Chief of Police	Village of Bedford Park
Matt Zarebczan	Dir. Economic Dev.	Village of Justice
Gordon Smith	CMAP Director	CMAP
Earl Dunn	Programmer	IDOT-State Routes
Chad Riddle	Program & Office Engineer	IDOT-D1-BLRS
Jim Garrett	President	CSCVB
Tom Fagan	Senior Analyst	Azavar
Yohan Fernando	Sr. Manager Govern. Affairs	Comcast
Jeff Hettoick	External Affairs	ComEd
Joe DelReal	Community Relations	Nicor Gas
Housam Hajyousif	CTO	GSI
Basheer Hajyousif	Guest	
Christine Suddreth	Community Relations	PLOWS
Jim Laski	Dir. of Govern Affairs	The Concord Group
Timothy Klass	Project Manager	Novotny Engineering
Alyssa Huff	Project Engineer	Hoefflerle-Butler Engineering
Mike Spolar	Senior Engineer	Robinson Engineering
Eric Foyth	Civil Engineer	Morris Engineering
Meghan Milewski	Engineer	Farnsworth Group
Tom Joseph	Gov. Affairs	Realtors Association
Steve Pappageorge	Executive Director	MVCC
Jim Bilder	Member	WW1 Centennial Commission
Mary Busch	Volunteer Program Spec.	Forest Preserve Dist of Cook County
Jan Pietrzak	Volunteer Habitat Restor.	Palos Restoration Project
Kristin Pink	Ecologist	Forest Preserve Dist of Cook County
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 7:07PM. Mayor Bennett requests for a motion to approve Business Meeting Minutes from April and May. They are approved by a motion from Mayor Wasowicz and seconded by President Tokar.

### **Guest Speakers**

Marvin Anaya, the Market Outreach Specialist with NicorGas spoke about the public-sector energy efficiency program. Mr. Anaya updated the Conference members on informational changes from last year. He encouraged the municipalities to take advantage of Nicor's free energy assessments. Mr. Anaya provided material on the public-sector Energy Expo on October 18, 2018.

Jan Pietrzak with the Palos Restoration Project introduced ecologist, Kristin Pink to the Conference. Ms. Pink works for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and is involved with the Palos Restoration Project. She explained how much they rely on volunteers to help keep the restoration in action by removing invasive species in the Forest Preserves. Ms. Pink requested that the Mayor's engage with their communities and promote the project to their constituents on their websites. Mayor Bennett recognized all the hard work and success the project has had.

### **President's Report**

Mayor Bennett introduced Jim Bilder to the Conference. Mr. Bilder is a member of the WW1 Centennial Commission of Northern Illinois. He came to the conference to request a Resolution be passed at the October Business Meeting. The Resolution is to recognize the service of American military personnel in the WW1 conflict as well as citizens on the home front. Jim will send the Resolution to Vicky to distribute to the members of SCM.

### **Executive Directors Report**

Ms. Smith thanked everyone who attended SCM's Annual Golf Outing and the sponsors from the event. She announced that SCM had good attendance. Mayor Brady will review the financials profited from the outing at the next Business Meeting. Vicky thanked the Orland Park Police Department for letting SCM use their facilities for the Plan Commission Workshop. Ms. Smith discussed with the Conference that SCM should think about offering more trainings to their members. Vicky reminded the attendees at the meeting that the Joint Municipal Auction is on September 29 at Orland Park Public Works.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Transportation Committee**

Kelsey Mulhausen announced that the next Transportation Committee Meeting will be at 9:30AM on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Bedford Park Village Hall. Ms. Mulhausen informed the members that this will be the last Transportation Committee Meeting of 2018.

#### **IDOT Program Update**

Mr. Dunn provided a handout and identified projects that have changed since the last meeting within the Conference.

### **IDOT Local Roads Update**

Chad Riddle went through his IDOT Local Roads handout. Mr. Riddle explained that moving forward all types of funding will be represented on his sheets. Chad reviewed highlights and current lettings.

### **Local STP Report**

Kelsey Mulhausen announced to the Conference that the Shared Fund Application booklet has been approved as well as the Active Program Management Policy. The Shared Fund call for projects will open January 2019. Ms. Mulhausen encouraged members to reach out to her for submittal to apply to the shared fund.

### **CMAAP Report**

Gordon Smith reminded the Southwest Conference of Mayors that the adoption of ONTO 2050 and the launch event will be on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Smith requested that the members take the “My Daily Travel Survey”. Gordon announced the LTA Call for Projects is currently open until October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Planning Liaison Report**

Kelsey Mulhausen declared that she will be carrying over all current projects in the eTIP to FFY19. Kelsey attended a training in doing so earlier this month. On October 4<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Mulhausen will be attending PL101 & eTIP Training. She explained that she will be meeting with the other planning liaisons to discuss Local Council Methodologies. SCM’s new methodology will be due September 2019. In the meantime, Kelsey will be updating and notifying the council of any changes.

### **Legislative Committee Report**

Mayor Bennett attended the Caucus Strategic Planning meeting that covered a wide range of topics. Mayor Bennett also attended the IML Conference in Chicago and said there were great sessions offered. He explained that at the Board Meeting it was suggested that IML fund a campaign for commitment on an Illinois Pension fund for pension consolidation. Mayor Bennett emphasized how this is a major initiative by the Illinois Municipal League.

### **Utilities Committee Report**

Jeff Hendricks introduced himself as the primary contact for ComEd until Philip Haliburton returns.

### **Public Works Committee**

Kelsey Mulhausen declared that SCM’s next Public Works Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Hickory Hills Village Hall. Ms. Mulhausen requested the Mayors’ and Administrators to encourage their PW Directors to attend meetings. She explained how It is a great opportunity for them to see what is going on in other communities and listen to speakers that can benefit their municipality.

### **Other Business** **CSCVB Update**

Jim Garrett discussed his meeting with Liz Gorman from the Illinois Tollway. He met with her in regard to putting up tourism signs on the Tollway. Mr. Garrett suggested that the members reach out to Ms. Gorman to show support for tourism signs. Mayor Tokar added that there is no signage for the Christ Trauma Center.

### **MVCC Update**

Steven Pappageorge announced that Moraine Valley is planning on putting focus on vocational job training. Mr. Pappageorge stated that the college is currently reaching out for data to prepare their five-year strategic plan.

### **Miscellaneous Task Forces/Committee Updates**

Christine Suddreth with PLOWS announced their luncheon on October 26 at the Orland Chateau and requested sponsorship. Ms. Suddreth directed the Conference to reach out if they are interested in attending.

### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Mayor Bennett and seconded by Mayor Mahoney the Southwest Conference of Mayors' Business Meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM.