

**Southwest Conference of Mayors
January 31, 2018 — Meeting Minutes
Lipinski Center – Justice, IL**

NAME	TITLE	REPRESENTING
Bob Straz	Mayor	City of Palos Heights
Kris Wasowicz	Mayor	Village of Justice
John Ryan	Mayor	Village of Alsip
Jerry Bennett	Mayor	City of Palos Hills
Chuck Tokar	Mayor	Village of Chicago Ridge
Mike Howley	Mayor	City of Hickory Hills
Kevin Casey	Mayor	Village of Hometown
Mary Werner	President	Village of Worth
Keith Pekau	President	Village of Orland Park
Sandra Bury	Mayor	Village of Oak Lawn
Dave Brady	President	Village of Bedford Park
Dan Foy	Mayor	City of Burbank
Kyle Hastings	Mayor	Village of Orland Hills
James Sexton	Mayor	Village of Evergreen Park
James Cecott	Trustee	Village of Bridgeview
Hank Oszakiewski	Trustee	Village of Justice
Rick Symonds	Trustee	Village of Justice
Ed Rusch Jr.	Trustee	Village of Justice
Karen Warner	Trustee	Village of Justice
Melanie Kuban	Trustee	Village of Justice
David Shipyor	Econ Planning	Village of Justice
Joe Cekus	Dir. Public Works	Village of Justice
Edward Shilka	Building Commissioner	Village of Justice
Matt Zarabchen	Dir. Economic Development	Village of Justice
Rick Boehm	Manager	City of Palos Park
Brian O'Neill	Asst. Village Admin	Village of Orland Hills
Mary Jane Mannella	Clerk, Dep. Admin	Village of Willow Springs
Brent Woods	Village Admin	Village of Willow Springs
Sean Morrison	Cook County Commissioner	17 th District
Earl Dunn	Programmer	IDOT-State Routes
Philip Halliburton	External Affairs Manager	ComEd
Yohan Fernando	Senior Manager	Comcast
Mike Paulos	Govnt Affairs	Comcast
Andy Plummer	Municipal Consultant	RTA
Sam Balark	External Affairs Manager	AT&T
Dan Jedrzyck	Consultant	Chastain & Assoc.
Bruce Hill	Engineer	Novotny Engineering
Matt Buerger	Engineer	Matt McDonald
John Hoefflerle	Engineer	Justice/Bedford Park
Bill Peters	Street Supervisor	Village of Lemont
Housam Hajyousif	CTO	GSI

Ahmed Anbair	UP Ops	GSI
Eddie McCall	Manager	HR Green
Danielle Gallet	Manager	MPC
Ernie Lopez	Municipal Manager	Republic Services
Chad Riddle	Program & Office Engineer	IDOT-D1-BLRS
Bill Plant	Engineer	Strand Associates
Ken Chastain	Manager	Farnsworth Group
Tom Joseph	Govnt Affairs	Realtors Association
Dave Vandervelde	Engineer	CBBEL
Joe Del Real	Mgr. Community Relations	Nicor Gas
Dennis Popisch	Sr. Engineer	Knight A&E Inc.
Kelsey Mulhausen	Program Coordinator	Southwest Conference of Mayors
Vicky Smith	Executive Director	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.

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:04PM and the minutes from the October 30, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Mayor Brady and on a second by President Werner.

Guest Speaker

Danielle Gallet, Manager with the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC), spoke about a new guided resource Drinking Water 1-2-3. This is for elected officials. Ms. Gallet discussed different issues that affect drinking water, like old infrastructure and pollution. Case studies and question checklists are included in the booklet.

President's Report

Mayor Bennett congratulated the mayors on large attendance at the meeting on January 31, 2018. He welcomed Mayor Dan Foy with the City of Burbank and Cook County Commissioner Sean Morrissey.

Executive Director's Report

Vicky Smith encouraged the mayors to help spread the word on SCM's Local Government Municipal Expo on March 10, 2018. Mrs. Smith gave a reminder that on April 13, 2018 SCM will host its annual Legislative Breakfast. The Southwest Conference of Mayors' 2018 Legislative Priorities will be presented at the March meeting for approval. Vicky announced that on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 SCM will have their Legislative Day in Springfield. She reminded the mayors to book their hotel reservations. SCM's annual Golf Outing will take place on August 22, 2018 at Gleneagles Country Club. The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus will host their Annual Gala on Friday, April 27th. Vicky included different grant programs in the handouts for the Mayors to look over.

Committee Reports:

Transportation Committee

President Brady notified the conference of the next Transportation Meeting on Tuesday March 20th at Village of Bedford Park at 9:30AM.

IDOT Program Update

Earl Dunn went over IDOT State Routes handout with the Conference. He discussed the projects added to the program. A lot of bridge projects were added to the program.

IDOT Local Roads Update

Chad Riddle discussed IDOT Local Roads status sheets. He let the conference know that the Planning Liason's, IDOT and CMAP are meeting to discuss all projects.

Local STP Report

Kelsey Mulhausen announced that she has been reaching out to engineers and municipalities with a new STP Project Update form. Ms. Mulhausen believes this will help SCM's program in the long run and keep projects on track. She requested that the engineers and municipalities be realistic with target letting dates and to keep her aware of any changes.

CMAP Report

Jesse Elam gave program funding updates for the Air Quality Program. The ultimate goal is to spend 100 million dollars. 2018 is a big year for the Transportation Program. STP work last year was done to alter the way the program is ran. The new guidelines create a new shared fund to be about 40 million dollars to which anybody can access the funds. Jesse announced that as for the local allotment, it will no longer be population based; it will be set on transportation needs. Jesse will be back to update the conference as changes occur.

RTA Update

Andy Plummer spoke about the RTA budget. For the first time, RTA's total operating funds are down. Mr. Plummer announced that ridership is declining.

Cook County Highway Department Update

Benet Haller introduced himself as SCM's new point of contact for the Cook County Highway Department. Mr. Haller went over the Invest in Cook projects within the Southwest Conference of Mayors. A total of five projects were funded. Mayor Bennet requested a county report from Mr. Haller.

Planning Liaison Update

Kelsey Mulhausen has a coordination meeting on Monday February 5th with IDOT and CMAP to discuss SCM's current program and target letting dates. The PL's have decided to hold a meeting after the STP Project Selection Committee every month so they can discuss any issues they see as the STP process unfolds. The PL's have a shared google folder that they are able discuss and bring to light questions, concerns, or just general information. It is a resource to add important

information pertaining to the PL's, editable by everyone. Only the PL's and directors have access to this shared folder.

Legislative Committee Report

Mayor Bennet gave a short recap of the consolidation of police and fire retirement funds. Five pieces of legislation regarding options for the retirement/pension plans were given to the general assembly. They expressed effectiveness on a single consolidated fund. Mayor Bennet explained that it would be ideal to all be under IMRF. As we approach this session, the continued takeaway off the communities revenues is a large concern. Mayor Bennet discussed that there has been a concern with the Mayors as to educating the public when the term "freezing property taxes" comes up. Education has driven those bills up and it is up to the General Assembly to bring in new revenue. Mayor Bennet stressed that it is the responsibility of the State to educate public about property taxes and to fund education. Mayor Wasowicz added that he put up information in their Village Hall for Justice's residents. Mayor Hastings encouraged the other mayors to go to Springfield to hear the governor speak.

Utilities Committee Report

Mayor Sexton announced the Utilities Companies' representatives to provide updates.

Update Given by Utilities Companies' Representative

Phil Halliburton with ComEd spoke about incentives and grant programs they are currently offering. Mayor Wasowicz raised a question in regards to JULIE. He asked who the correct point of contact is when the community has an issue. ComEd, AT&T and Comcast will follow up at the next meeting.

Public Works Committee

Kelsey Mulhausen announced that The next Public Works meeting will be on February 20, 2018 at 9:30AM. Location is not set. Ms. Mulhausen will be reaching out to the directors to see who would be able to host.

Next Meetings/Events

March 10th, 2018– Saturday

Local Government Expo

Registration – 8:30 A.M.

Breakfast– 9:00 A.M.

Program – 9:30 A.M.

Expo – 10:30 A.M.

Belvedere Chateau

8055 W. 103rd Street, Palos Hills, IL 60465

March 28th, 2018 – Wednesday

SCM Business Meeting

6:30 P.M. – Refreshments

7:00 P.M. – SCM Business Meeting
Evergreen Park Village Hall
9418 S. Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park, IL 60805

Adjournment at 8:17PM on a motion by Mayor Hastings and seconded by President Pekau.