



REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 28, 2019 – 1:30p

Regional Design Center – 315 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL 61101

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 1:36 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mr. Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Mayor Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; Mayor Greg Jury, City of Loves Park; Mr. John Donahue, North Park Public Water District; Mr. Ian Linnabary, Rockford Park District; Ms. Roxanne Sosnowski, Village of Cherry Valley; Mr. Nathan Bryant, RAEDC; Ms. Pam Fettes, Growth Dimensions; Ms. Lisa Bly, The Workforce Connection; Dr. Doug Jensen, Rock Valley College; Mr. Jeff Polsean, Chicago Rockford International Airport; Mr. Lowell Crow, City of Freeport; Mayor Ted Rehl, City of South Beloit; Mr. Michael Stubbe, RMTD.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: RRWRD, Greater Freeport Partnership, NIU Rockford, Highland Community College, ComED, NICOR.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Dunn, Julia Halsted, Jon Paul Diipla, Dana Northcott, Christina Washington Sydney Turner, Colin Belle, Eric Setter, Margaret Campbell, Janna Bailey, Jay Fieser, Dhawal Kataria, Ivy Hood, Brandon Geber, Steve Gregg, Sarah Stromberg, Aaron Frey, RPC; Doug DeLille, IDOT District #2; Todd Cagnoni, City of Rockford; Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department, Jeremy Ciesel, Ogle County Highway Department, Craig Fink, Tazewell County Highway Department; Linda Campos, Campos Construction; Joe Altenhoff, ARC Design; Joe Vanderwerff, Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Lowell thanked Ms. Northcott on the work she provided City of Freeport on their FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

4. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2018 RPC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the December 13, 2018 RPC Board meeting minutes was made by the City of Rockford seconded by the Rockford Park District. Motion **carried** unanimously (14-0).

5. ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

A. National Association of Regional Councils, Future Federal & State Funding – Mayor Chamberlain & Michael Dunn, Jr.

Mayor Chamberlain reported that he and Mr. Dunn attended the NARC Conference. Predominant issues included infrastructure needs and funding shortages.

B. Coyote nuisance – Coordination of public information – Machesney Park

Mr. Savage stated that the Village of Machesney Park has received numerous citizen complaints regarding coyotes moving into the residential urbanized areas. Mr. Savage requested that RPC research solutions to coyote nuisance to assist residence with information useful in deterring coyotes from the residential urbanized areas. Mr. Dunn agree to provide this service.

C. Committee Reports

i. Land Bank

Mr. Setter reported that the Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority has been created by intergovernmental agreement with Boone and Winnebago Counties, Rockford and Belvidere. Additional members are expected to join in the next few weeks. The cities and counties are in the process of appointing their Trustee to the Board of Trustees, and will first meet in mid-March.

ii. Workforce Development Report – Dr. Doug Jensen

Dr. Jensen thanked Nathan Bryant, RAEDC for the investment RAEDC has made regarding the Northern Illinois Coordinated Workforce Report which is the analysis of manufacturing middle skills in the Northern Illinois region. He reported that the Workforce Study EOF was threefold:

1. Survey – getting the data.
2. Convening – getting groups of manufacturers together to discuss the data and what it means for each individual sector.
3. Promotion – how do we tell the story.

Results show a middle skills gap for manufacturing employment. Although there isn't a single set of middle skills needed by all, there are common core middle skills needed. Meeting manufacturer needs will therefore require a two stage approach. Next steps will include recommendations for action responsive to the results of the study.

iii. Environmental Committee

Mr. Belle reported that the Environmental Planning Committee last meeting was rescheduled due to inclement weather. The Committee will receive an update on the Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority and an introduction to the Metropolitan Plan Process (MTP).

The Land Use Group is continuing to pursue methods to update the Brownfields GIS layer. The Energy Group is working on developing public education opportunities to install solar and reduce energy consumption. The Water group is still pursuing additional funding to hire a full-time Keith Creek Watershed Planner to advance this group priority.

iv. Criminal Justice Support

Ms. Dokken presented 2018 Focused Deterrence outcomes report. She announced the upcoming workshop, "What Works in Correctional Practices" being held March 7, 2019 at Klehm and presented by Dr. Ed Latessa of the University of Cincinnati. A "Core Correctional Practices" workshop is also being provided to a select group of front line workers who interface with those involved in the criminal justice system to include Probation, Parole, and community service providers. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is currently in the process of finalizing memorandums of understanding with multidisciplinary team partners.

v. MPO Policy Committee

Mr. Diipla provided a brief report on the following:

- Title VI / report that the MPO Policy Committee adopted the Title VI.
- MTP boards that visualizes the MTP document and the evaluation process that has taken place of the MTP document update.
- RMTD Mobility Comprehensive Analysis which looks at RMTD services and how to enhance those services.
- Census 2020 Participant Statistical Analysis Program (PSAP)

vi. Program & Fund Development

Ms. Northcott provided a brief report on the following:

- City of Freeport - FEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation application was submitted for \$6.75 million with a federal request of \$5.01 million.
- SwedishAmerican - IDHS Hospital SOR awarded \$1.8 million.
- BUILD grant application – No award but received a “recommended” rating.

vii. Economic Development

No report.

D. Executive Director’s report

i. Financial Update – 2nd Quarter Statement of Activity

Mr. Dunn provided a Financial update of the first six months of RPC being its own fiscal agent.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Financial Policy

Mr. Dunn stated that the purpose of the Financial Policy is to ensure Region 1 Planning Council (RPC) conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), to ensure the Region 1 Planning Council, and to establish parameters for the administrative operation of financial affairs.

A motion to approve RPC Resolution #2019-9 was made by Boone County, second motion was made by North Park Public Water District. Motion carried unanimously (14-0).

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A brief discussion took place regarding why a shift in the Lime Bike business model was not currently suited to the service provider staying in the Rockford area.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, City of Rockford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Winnebago County. Approved unanimously (14-0). The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 PM.