



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, January 26, 2017

(Village of Machesney Park, Council Chambers – 300 Roosevelt Road, Machesney Park Park)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park; Chairman Frank Haney, Winnebago County; Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone County; Mayor Larry Morrissey, City of Rockford; Ms. Kris Tobin, IDOT District #2.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: City of Loves Park, RMTD.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael P. Dunn, Jr., Christina Washington, Jon Paul Düpla, Anna Ma, Michael Hren, Ben Rohr, Sydney Turner, Colin Belle, RMAP; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department; Glenn Trommels, WinGIS Chairman; Tim Savage, Chad Hunter, Machesney Park; Doug DeLille, IDOT Planning & Programming; Dave Peters, WinGIS; Tim Hanson, RRWRD; Jack Armstrong, Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Joe Fortman, BCCA; John Donahue, Eric Stromberg, North Park Water.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 10:04 AM.

2. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2017 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve the December 15, 2016 RMAP Policy Committee meeting minutes was made by the Village of Machesney Park seconded by the Boone County. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

4. TIP AMENDMENT – RMAP RESOLUTION #2017-1:

Mr. Dunn stated that RMAP Resolution 2017-1 are at the request of the City of Belvidere, Village of Machesney Park, Rockford Park District and Winnebago County Highway Department for the modification of existing projects and addition of new projects as follows:

- City of Belvidere / Tripp Road reconstruction project from Corporate Parkway to Crystal Parkway.
- Rockford Park District (RPD) / Atwood park Recreational Trails improvement project regarding trail system construction, trailhead construction, well water construction, signage, A&E.
- Winnebago County Highway Department (WCHD) / Safety improvement project regarding signage installation county-wide.
- Village of Machesney Park / New construction regarding signal installation at the intersection of Bauer Parkway and Victory Lane.

A motion to approve RMAP Resolution 2017-1 was made by the Village of Machesney Park, second motion was made by Boone County. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

5. RMAP/WinGIS CO-LOCATION UPDATE:

Mr. Dunn stated that at previous RMAP Policy Committee meetings it has been discussed how to integrate RMAP and WinGIS into one (1) organization. Extensive research has been done on similar Regional Planning Councils that house together in one location organizations such as GIS management, Economic Development Districts and an MPO. It's seen as a best practice and has been successful for other Regional Planning Councils; Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) has been an example the RMAP Board looked to in the past.

Mr. Dunn referenced the RMAP/WinGIS integration plan handouts and provided a brief summary on the process.

WinGIS Chairman Trommels stated that Mr. Dunn provided a brief presentation at the last WinGIS Board meeting and stated that he is in favor of the integration.

Mayor Morrissey stated that he feels this integration is more of an evolution than a revolution and appreciates the research Mr. Dunn has done on best practices on how to integrate these two organizations.

WinGIS Chairman Trommels asked Mr. Dunn when he would be able to provide the cost of location integration as well as budget analysis for both organizations. Mr. Dunn stated he would be able to provide that information as soon as they'd like. Mr. Dunn provided a summary on each organizations fiscal agency and the process of consolidating those separate fiscal agencies. Going to one fiscal agent for these three organizations (RMAP, EDDNI and WinGIS) is a best practice that can be implemented and beneficial for all three organizations.

Mr. Armstrong asked Mr. Peter's if there would be any issues in transferring any of the equipment. Mr. Peter's stated there shouldn't be any problems and it would be a simple and streamline process.

Chairman Haney stated that WinGIS is currently located in the Winnebago County building and they currently do not pay any rent and this same agreement would also transfer over if WinGIS were to move their location to RMAP.

Mr. Donahue stated he did have some concerns on the cost of the relocation as well as the integration of these two organizations.

A brief discussion took place among the RMAP and WinGIS board members regarding the cost, process and timeline of integration.

Mayor Morrissey stated the City of Rockford would be negotiating the lease and a better overall layout of the space for both organizations. Mayor Morrissey stated there shouldn't be any net impact on WinGIS and if there was it would be brought forward to the WinGIS Board.

Mr. Dunn offered Mr. Donahue a tour of the RMAP facility and to discuss further any concerns he may have regarding the integration.

Mr. Dunn asked both the RMAP and WinGIS Board if it was ok to proceed with the RMAP/WinGIS integration?

There is a consensus among both RMAP and WinGIS board members of the integration of RMAP and WinGIS location as well as fiscally.

Mayor Chamberlain asked for a motion. First motion was made by the City of Rockford; second motion was made by the Village of Machesney Park.

Mayor Chamberlain asked for a show of hands; there was a unanimous show of hands. Motion approved unanimously.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Dunn provided the following progress reports:

- EDDNI has submitted the 2016 Brownfields Coalition Grant.
- Mr. Dunn and Mr. Dipla met with Metra regarding their new partnership with Uber.
- Ms. Turner and Mr. Belle will be provided a Bike/Pedestrian Presentation with a panel discussion at the next Transform Rockford Community Conversation which is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th at 5:30p and held at Veteran's Memorial Hall.
- STBG Ad-Hoc Committee is scheduled to meet on January 31, 2017.
- RMAP Staff will be attending the Illinois Statewide Intelligent Transportation Update Workshop on February 7, 2017.

- RMAP will be submitting a Smart Growth America grant application on behalf of the City of Rockford and Winnebago County.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business, the Village of Machesney Park made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Winnebago County. Approved unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 A.M.