

Municipal Partnering Initiative Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

1:30 PM

Held via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morimoto called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

2. ATTENDANCE

MPI MEMBERS PRESENT

- McHenry County - Beth Skowronski (Vice Chair), Ed Markison, Scott Hennings, Joe Korpalski, Benjamin Redding
- Village of Algonquin – Bob Mitchard
- Village of Cary – Erik Morimoto (Chair), Courtney Sage
- City of Crystal Lake – Larry Zurek
- Village of Huntley – Jason Irvin
- Town of Linn – Jim Hurley
- City of Woodstock – Chris Tiedt, Aaron Grosskopf

STAFF PRESENT:

- Emily Daucher – McHenry County Council of Mayors
- Colleen Martoccio – McHenry County Division of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT

- Jeff Young – HDR
- Sara Radil – HDR
- Kristen Veldhouse – HDR

3. **PRESENTATION – SARA RADIL AND KRISTEN VELDHOUSE – HDR – VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Ms. Veldhouse and Ms. Radil gave a presentation on how to conduct successful virtual public meetings during COVID-19. They discussed the many platforms for public meetings, key engagement tactics, and federal and ADA requirements when conducting public meetings. They showed examples of virtual public meetings held previously, and talked about how to reach people who may not have a computer, those who don't have internet or only use a mobile device, and how to make meetings ADA compliant.

4. **MPI CONTRACT UPDATE – ERIK MORIMOTO**

Mr. Morimoto went through the current and future bid contracts and partnerships. The updated bid list is on mchenrycountycom.org/mpi. It has also been shared in PDF form with the group at the request of Mr. Mitchard.

5. OPEN DISCUSSION

Ms. Skowronski started a discussion on the upcoming fall and winter and its impacts on maintenance. She stated that MCDOT is preparing not just for a resurgence in COVID-19 cases, but also flu cases. MCDOT is having discussions on the possibility of Illinois moving back into Phase III and the impacts that will have on staffing. MCDOT and other counties are talking about whether or not snowbirds will be hired this winter. Mr. Morimoto mentioned the impacts of employees with children and accommodating them as schools shift between remote learning and in-person learning. Mr. Mitchard echoed sentiments about employees with children and noted that the Village is taking many safety precautions in their maintenance department.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.