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AGENDA

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Quarterly Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Swissotel Chicago
Edelweiss Room – 43rd Floor
323 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois**

- 2:00 p.m. I. Call to Order and Introductions**
Gerald R. Bennett
Mayor, City of Palos Hills
Executive Board Chairman
- 2:05 p.m. II. Introduction of Meeting Chairman – Gayle A. Smolinski, Mayor, Village of Roselle**
- 2:10 p.m. III. Property Tax/Education Reform**
Richard M. Daley
Mayor, City of Chicago
Mayors Caucus Founding Chairman
- A. Current Legislation**
- 1. 7% Assessment Cap**
 - 2. Mayor Daley's Reform Package**
- B. Fixing the Current Property Assessment System**
- C. Ratcheting Up Caucus' Education Reform Campaign**
Edward Schock
Mayor, City of Elgin
Chair, Education Reform Task Force
- 1. Outreach Strategy Update**
 - 2. Need for Campaign Manager**
 - 3. Develop Real Reform Options**

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- 2:45 p.m. **IV. Legislative Report**
Gerald R. Bennett
Mayor, City of Palos Hills
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- A. State Legislation**
- 1. HB 4441 – State Mandates Legislation**
Catherine J. Melchert
President, Village of Bartlett
- 2. Analysis of Governor Blagojevich’s Proposed FY 2005 Budget**
Craig Lesner
Office of Management and Budget
City of Chicago
- 3. HB 4881 – Consolidating Railroad Regulatory Functions**
Donald E. Peloquin
Mayor, City of Blue Island
Chair, CREATE Freight Rail Task Force
- B. Federal Legislation**
- 1. Update on Reauthorization of TEA-21**
- 2. Update on E-Commerce Taxation**
- 3. Recommendation re Public Safety Bandwidth**
- C. Legislative Action Team Letter to Legislators**
- 3:15 p.m. **V. Regional Transportation Task Force Update**
Jeffery D. Schielke
Mayor, City of Batavia
Chair, Ground Transportation Task Force
- 3:25 p.m. **VI. Visioning Session Update**
Mark W. Damisch
President, Village of Northbrook
Chair, Futures Committee
- 3:35 p.m. **VII. Opportunity Returns: Governor Blagojevich’s Economic Development Plan for Northeast Illinois**
Introduction: Thomas J. Murawski
President, Village of Midlothian
Co-Chair, Economic Development Committee
Guest Speaker: Jack Lavin
Director, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

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- 4:00 p.m.** **VIII. NIPC Common Ground Interim Report**
Introduction: Michael Smith
Mayor, Village of New Lenox
President, Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission
Guest Speaker: Ronald L. Thomas
Executive Director, NIPC
- 4:20 p.m.** **IX. Chicago Branding Study**
Guest Speaker: Paul O'Connor
Executive Director, World Business Chicago
- 4:40 p.m.** **X. Written Reports** (*PLEASE NOTE: No oral reports will be given on these items unless there are questions from the floor.*)
A. USCM Clean Air Mayors
B. Memo to the Mayors
C. Energy Efficiency Building Code Project
D. Model Affordable Housing Plan
- 4:45 p.m.** **XI. Adjournment**

(PLEASE NOTE: Attendees are invited to stay for a reception that will begin at the conclusion of the Quarterly Business Meeting.)