League of Minnesota Cities
Board of Directors Meeting
July 28, 2019

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Members Present: Mike Mornson (Hopkins), Brad Wiersum (Minnetonka), Rita Albrecht (Bemidji), Amy Brendmoen (St. Paul), D. Love (Centerville), Jeff Lunde (Brooklyn Park), Maggie McCallum (Mayer), Josh Malchow (Slayton), Justin Miller (Lakeville), Candy Petersen (N. St. Paul), Jeff Pilon (Nowthen), Donna Schmitt (Columbia Heights), Jim Weikum (Biwabik), Heidi Omerza (Ely), Mark McNeill (Mendota Heights), Ron Johnson (Bemidji) and Mary McComber (Oak Park Heights)

Members Absent: Curt Bogey (Brooklyn Center)

Staff Present: Dave Unmacht, Pat Beety, Luke Fischer, Kellie Sundheim, Laura Kushner, Dan Greensweig, Marky Engler, Kevin Frazell, Irene Kao, Anne Finn, Don Reeder, Mel Reeder, Ted Bengtson and Craig Johnson

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
   President Mornson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Introduction of Board members
   All board members and staff did introductions.

3. Presentations/General Communications
   3.1 Recognition of outgoing board member Kevin Staunton
   Past President Omerza presented a plaque to Kevin and said a few words about his service to the League.

   3.2 Minnesota Mayors Together Presentation by Kevin Frazell and Caren Dewar, Executive Director of ULI Minnesota
   Frazell, Dewar and Jim Hovland, Mayor of Edina, talked to the board about recent conversations the group is having with mayors across the state. The group is taking an initiative to create conversations and build relationships. Frazell and Dewar are staff who are participating in and supporting the meetings.
At their last meeting the mayors decided to continue to focus on building trusted relationships by fostering conversation and collaboration across Minnesota. Topics of discussion have been daycare, workforce housing, long commutes and building a strong 5-year economic development plan.

Albrecht talked about finding similarities and focusing in on those areas and showing a united front.

Frazell noted that Heather Corcoran and Unmacht will take over his role when he retires.

3.3 New employee introduction – Michael Marson, Facilities Assistant
Fischer introduced Mike to the group.

3.4 Presentation of gift to the League of Minnesota Cities by Past President Omerza
Omerza presented the League with a framed print of Ely. It is currently hung outside the Admin. offices.

3.5 Presentation on the BRAC contract renewal by Dan Greensweig
Greensweig noted that LMCIT’s relationship with BRAC has been successful in the past and that we are hoping to extend the contract with them for 5 years. LMCIT staff including legal counsel have been busy this summer reviewing the contract proposal. Term discussions with BRAC are going well. The new contract will cost $13 million/year.

4. Approval of Consent Items
4.1 Approval of the May 23, 2019 minutes
4.2 Purchase of new server enclosure
4.3 Appoint Josh Malchow to the Building Company Board

Schmitt moved approval of the consent items, seconded by Wiersum with Josh Malchow abstaining. Motion carried.

5. Action Items
5.1 2019 Legislators of Distinction
Carlson mentioned that the League has been handing out these awards for the past 20 years and it has been proven to help build positive relationship with our legislators. The number of awards given out this year will be 34. Carlson noted that Ted Bengtson worked on developing the list.

Board members were pleased with the list and thanked IGR for their work.

Wiersum commented that giving out these awards is good business on our part, and we benefit from these good relationships.
McComber made a motion to approve the list of legislators for recognition as LMC Legislators of Distinction as submitted, seconded by Omerza. Motion carried.

6. Discussion Items
   6.1 LMCIT Update – Included in BRAC update above
   6.2 Legal Update – The Minnesota Supreme Court granted accelerated review of St. Paul’s organized collection appeal. There are two issues on appeal: (1) whether the Minnesota Waste Management Act preempts the referendum petition under a conflict-preemption analysis, and (2) whether the referendum, if successful, would result in an unconstitutional impairment of the organized-collection contract between the City and a group of waste haulers.

On June 12, the Minnesota Supreme Court heard oral argument in Bloomington’s organized collection case. The Supreme Court will decide whether the city properly rejected a petition for a proposed charter amendment, seeking to “supersede” the City’s organized-collection ordinance, because: (1) the charter amendment is an improper use of referendum power that violates the City Charter’s 15-day limitation on filing a referendum petition, or (2) the charter amendment will result in an unconstitutional impairment of the existing organized-collection contract.

The final matter reported on by Beety was the Minnesota Supreme Court’s decision to review both the Minneapolis Safe and Sick Time and Minimum Wage cases.

7. Affiliate Organization Updates
   a. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities
      Johnson noted that their summer conference is in Bemidji next week. They will be welcoming the DEED Commissioner as well as Dave and Mike.

   b. Minnesota Association of Small Cities
      McComber commented that the organization is working on a contract with Cap O’Rourke for the executive director position. The group has recently been discussing strategic planning, goal setting and details for the next Washington, DC fly-in.

   c. Metro Cities
      McNeill stated that Gene Ranieri from the city of Minneapolis will be presenting at their August Board meeting. Their policy adoption committees have met once so far this summer.

8. President’s Message
   President Mornson will be sharing a message with the group at our future board meetings. This month he commented that Scott Nelson will be doing a presentation on “communication” at the August meeting. The board will also be discussing the FY 2020 budget.
9. Executive Director Update and Adjournment

Unmacht asked the board members to fill out the engagement matrix and send it to Sundheim by August 15th.

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Dave Unmacht, Executive Director