

## TOPICS AND PRESENTERS

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Mayor Jim Hovland called the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 RCM meeting to order.

The RCM extended a welcome to Mayor Tracy Abrams, City of Becker to the RCM. She has actively participated in Minnesota Mayors Together.

## US COFERENCE OF MAYORS; MAYOR JIM HOVLAND:

### [LINK - CONFERENCE ADGENDA](#)

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- US Conference of Mayors 88<sup>th</sup> Winter Meeting was held Jan 22-24, 2020 in Washington DC.
- 268 mayors attended in total, including 7 mayors from Minnesota.
- Panel of note: “Lessons Learned: Preventing, Preparing for, and Responding to Mass Shootings”
  - Panel of 10 mayors addressing lessons learned in responding to mass
    - It is critical for the mayor to be the voice of the community.
- Words for Mayors in 2020

## METROPOLITAN COUNCIL; CHARLIE ZELLE, CHAIR:

### [LINK - CHARLIE ZELLE NAMED METROPOLITAN COUNCIL CHAIR, JANUARY 6, 2020](#)

Charlie Zelle introduced himself as the new chair of the Metropolitan Council.

Charlie has been coming to the Regional Council of Mayors meetings on and off for the full 15 years of the program and appreciates the work of the mayors and how the RCM enhances our region.

- Transit, land use, park land, and water systems are all at the forefront of livability.
- Important issues: climate, demographics, economic trends and technology
- Regional government needs to be adaptable, but steadfast on our regional commitment.
- Transit System: building out a system is critical for the future.
  - Safety is a core value at the top of the list.
  - Legislative proposal to decriminalize light rail fare evasion, down to an administrative offence rather than criminal conviction.
  - Homelessness and transit. Affordability of housing is a struggle.
  - Utilize Metropolitan Council’s housing authority and team with Metro Transit to transition people into shelters.
- Metropolitan Council is able to provide resources, serve as a partner and is excited to work with mayors.
- Questions/Comments:

- Adopting new comprehensive plans every 10 years was noted as a challenge many mayors in the room are facing. It is a time consuming and costly process.

## STREET IMPACT FEES LEGISLATIVE UPDATE; METRO CITIES AND LEAGUE OF MN CITIES:

[LINK - SF 2442 BILL](#)

[LINK - LMC 2020 CAPITAL FACT SHEET, STREET IMPROVEMENT FEES](#)

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- Except from the provided fact sheet: “Background: The Minnesota Supreme Court found in *Harstad v. City of Woodbury* that cities do not have the statutory authority necessary to impose a fee for future street improvements when approving residential development. Cities need a clear and lawful path forward to support development while protecting the interest of current taxpayers.”
- Housing & Development conversations at the Capital: There are five committees that have housing in their jurisdiction, to review housing policy and housing finance issues, request research, debate ideas and hear bills.
  - **Senate Select Committee on Homeownership Affordability and Availability**
    - Senator Rich Draheim (Chair, Madison Lake); Senator Kari Dziedzic (Minneapolis); Senator Mark Koran (North Branch); Senator Dan Sparks (Austin); Senator Karin Housley (St. Mary’s Point)
    - Established to make findings and recommendations to the Senate regarding issues affecting the availability of affordable owner-occupied housing.
  - **Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability**
    - Rep. Peter Fischer (Chair, Maplewood); Rep. Kaohly Her (St. Paul); Rep. Jim Nash (Waconia); Rep. Barb Haley (Red Wing); Sen. Rich Draheim (Madison Lake); Sen. Karin Housley (St. Mary’s Point); Sen. Erik Simonson (Duluth); Sen. Kari Dziedzic (Minneapolis)
    - Their charge:
      1. Define housing affordability and study issues relating to housing affordability.
      2. Review and provide the legislature with research and analysis of emerging issues affecting housing affordability and homeownership access.
      3. Review and provide the legislature with research and analysis of policies to reduce homeownership equity gap.
      4. Review and make recommendations on legislative and rulemaking proposals. positively impacting personal housing affordability, access to homeownership, and other related barriers to homeownership.
- Cities have responded to BATC messaging with their own key messaging to:
  1. Protect cities and their authorities.
  2. Ensure cities can determine how to pay for necessary infrastructure with the interest of all residents and taxpayers.
- In testimony and in meetings with legislators, Metro Cities and the League of MN Cities have explained city roles and how cities work with developers through the process of moving undeveloped or previously

undeveloped land into new lots and new homes. Both also stress protecting local decision-making authority and protecting local control.

- #BuildItRight, [www.lmc.org/builditright](http://www.lmc.org/builditright),
- For more advocacy information for #BuildItRight, cities should contact Don Reeder ([dreeder@lmc.org](mailto:dreeder@lmc.org)) to get signed up.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

### [LINK – CAREN DEWAR RESIGNATION ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

Caren reported that she submitted my resignation to ULI MN - effective June 30 and this meeting is our first public announcement.

“I am so grateful for the work we’ve done together, and what I’ve learned from you, particularly around the power of civic trust and informed decision making. I am returning to my consulting practice to focus on this purpose which I am very passionate about. It is appropriate in some ways to return to consulting - I was a consultant when I launched the RCM in 2004, along with Mayor Kautz and former mayor Karen Anderson. It was life changing when they asked me to work with them. And a special thanks to Jay Lindgren with Dorsey and Michael Huber with BCBS who were early ‘believers’ and have supported the RCM ever since.

I will do everything I can to support a solid transition. I want to emphasize the mutualistic and deeply beneficial relationship between the RCM and ULI MN, and to that point, I’d like to ask ULI MN’s search committee co- chairs, John Shardlow and Colleen Carey to speak further about the value each brings to the other and share some information with you about the transition process.”

Colleen Carey and John Shardlow representing the Search Committee and ULI MN’s Governance Committee.

- ULI MN’s Governance Committee is comprised of past former Management Committee chairs. The Governance Committee is tasked with strategic planning and leadership transition for the organization.
- Caren has worked with the Governance Committee for the last few years to establish a succession plan and set the groundwork for a successful Executive Director transition.
- The Search Committee has solicited proposals from three search firms and is ready to move forward with a contract with one of them.
- ULI MN’s Search Committee will share more about the process and how you can contribute in the coming weeks.
- In the future we hope you will help us celebrate Caren’s 16 years of leadership!

# ATTENDANCE

## MAYORS

James Hovland	City of Edina (co-chair)
Mike Maguire	City of Eagan (co-chair)
Doug Anderson	City of Lakeville
Tracy Bertram	City of Becker
Anne Burt	City of Woodbury
Tim Busse	City of Bloomington
Ron Case	City of Eden Prairie
Mike Elliott	City of Brooklyn Center
Jimmy Francis	City of South St. Paul
Kathi Hemken	City of New Hope
Courtney Johnson	City of Carver
John Keis	City of Little Canada
Chris Lund	City of Hamburg
Tim McNeil	City of Dayton
Rhonda Pownell	City of Northfield
Maria Regan Gonzalez	City of Richfield
Paul Reinke	City of Oakdale
Jake Spano	City of St. Louis Park
Randy Stille	City of Saint Anthony
Brad Wiersum	City of Minnetonka
Ken Wilcox	City of Wayzata
Janet Williams	City of Savage
Jeff Wosje	City of Plymouth

## ULI MN ADVISORY BOARD

Colleen Carey	Governance Committee
Lynette Dumalag	Management Committee
Jean Kane	Governance Committee Chair
Nick Koch	Governance Committee
Tony Kuechle	Market Council Co-Chair
John Shardlow	Governance Committee

## GUESTS

Mark Casey, City of Saint Anthony Village; Gary Carlson, League of MN Cities; Emmett Coleman, Tunheim; Molly Cummings, Metropolitan Council; Chris Heineman, City of Little Canada; Michael Huber, Blue Cross and Blue Shield MN; Andrea Inovye, Office of Mayor Jacob Frey, City of Minneapolis; Irene Kao, League of MN Cities; Sandra Krebsbach, American Technical Education Association; Brad Larson, City of Savage; Anne Mavity, MN Housing Partnership; Patricia Nauman, Metro Cities; Ron Orlando, Comcast; Ellen Sahli, Family Housing Fund; Kevin Shay, Landform; Dave Unmacht, League of MN Cities; Charlie Vaner Aarde, Metro Cities; Jason Wedel, City of Prior Lake; Charlie Zelle, Metropolitan Council

## ULI MINNESOTA

Caren Dewar, Cathy Bennett, Rachel Keenan, Kevin Locke

# NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 9, 2020  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Seattle Room at Dorsey & Whitney, 50 South 6th Street, Minneapolis, MN