

Region: Law, Policy and the Future of the Twin Cities

October 23-24, 2008

University of Minnesota Law School, Room 25

Thursday, October 23, 2008

9:15 – 9:45 am

Welcome and Introductions of Conference Hosts and Sponsors

Guest Welcome: David Wippman, Dean, University of Minnesota Law School

9:45 – 11:45 am

Panel 1: Twin Cities Regional Development, Past, Present & Projections

Highlight: Planning and Growth in the Core and Collar Counties

Confirmed Panelists:

1. Jan Callison, Mayor, Minnetonka
2. Thomas M. Crosby, Mayor, Medina; Attorney, Faegre & Benson, LLP
3. Debbie Goettel, Mayor, Richfield
4. Judith Martin, Professor of Geography and Director of Urban Studies, University of Minnesota
5. Sharon Pfeifer, Director of Community Relations, Department of Natural Resources

Noon – 1:30 pm

Buffet Lunch, Spannaus Commons

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Panel 2: Regional Development Essential Links: Schools and Housing

Highlight: Regional Integration

Confirmed Panelists:

1. Bill Green, Superintendent, Minneapolis Public Schools
2. Ben Kanninen, Senior Director of School Success, Community Action Council
3. Melissa Krull, Superintendent, Eden Prairie Schools
4. Tonja Orr, Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency
5. Carl Wahlstrom, East Metro Integration District #6067

3:00-3:15 pm

Break

3:15 – 4:45 pm

Panel 3: Keys to Regional Economic Development: Transportation and Jobs

Highlight: Geography of Employment

Confirmed Panelists:

1. Doug Anderson, Mayor, Dayton
2. Guy Peterson, Community Development Director, Metropolitan Council
3. R.T. Rybak, Mayor, Minneapolis
4. John W. Shardlow, Principal, Bonestroo

Friday, October 24, 2008

9:30 – 11:45 am

Panel 4: Governing American Metropolitan Areas

Highlight: Regional versus Local Solutions to the Region's Problems

Confirmed Panelists:

1. Peter Bell, Chairman, Metropolitan Council
2. Scott Croonquist, Executive Director, Association of Metropolitan School Districts
3. Louis Jambois, Executive Director, Metro Cities
4. Myron Orfield, Executive Director, Institute on Race & Poverty