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**District 97 board member Liaison Report**

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**Name of the committee/organization:** COG (Council of Governments)

**Date of the meeting:** April 5, 2017 7:30-8:30 at OPRF HS

**Names of the District 97 board liaisons:** Jim Gates

**Names of the District 97 administrative representatives (if applicable):** None assigned

**Brief summary/key outcomes of the meeting:**

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**Next steps:**

* D97 Board elects new Board president to send to COG

**Questions/feedback for the District 97 board:**

**Dates of the next meetings:**

* Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.
* Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.
* Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.
* Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.

**Supplemental documentation (e.g., agenda, reports, etc.) from the meeting (attached):**

* COG agenda ( see page 2)
* Updates summaries (see page 2)

**Report submitted by (include name and date):** Jim Gates, April 10, 2017

**COG (Council of Governments)**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017 7:30 AM OPRFHS Board Room 213**

**Agenda**

1. Roundtable Updates\*
2. Adjournment

**Updates\***

**D200 - Jeff Weissglass and Dr. Pruitt**

* Graduation is June 4, 2017
* Strategic plan is in final stages
* OPRF HS and PDOP are investigating the possibility of a shared pool
* IMAGINE OPRF study group has 60 applicants thus far

**Library – Jim Madigan and Matt Baron**

* Roll begins of new “no fines” policy for Oak Park residents– books not returned must be paid for
* 12% of the OPL budget must be spent on acquisitions (books, DVDs, etc.) Library purchases from vendors come at a 40% discount.

**Township - David Boulanger and Gavin Morgan**:

* 3 new board members and 2 with only 2 years’ experience
* Peace circles for youth conflict resolution are expanding
* Need for full client services are down from 87 to 62 as economy improves
* Township is not renewing its contract with PACE. Township will buy 2 buses and this will allow more flexibility of schedules and trips outside of Oak Park and River Forest as well as cost savings.

**Park District: Jan Arnold and Paul Ascheleman:**

* Tennis courts will be striped for pickle ball (fastest growing national sport)
* Renovation is underway at Euclid Park
* Plans are being developed to renovate 3 historic buildings: Cheney Mansion, Conservatory, and Pleasant Home

**Village – Anan Abu-Taleb and Cara Pavletich**

* Village is using an all new ERP (Electronic Resource Project) that includes an electronic billing system
* Contract negotiations are coming up with Fire and Police Departments and SEIU

**D97 – Jim Gates**:

* New Board member onboarding is moving forward
* New Board will be seated on 4/26/17
* D97 is reviewing process to keep community aware of Bond and Operating Referenda fund usage