I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by David Myers at 3:10 p.m.

II. Attendees
- Members Present: Ronald Nightengale and Tonita LeShore (Bellwood); Alderman Cesar Santoy and Alicia Ruiz (Berwyn); Tim Gillian (Forest Park); Mayor Edwenna Perkins and David Myers (Maywood); Colette Lueck and Tammie Grossman (Oak Park).
- Member(s) Absent: Mayor Calderone (Forest Park).
- Others Present: Evan Summers (Berwyn); John Gerut and Kristine Giornalista (IFF); Allison Clements (Metropolitan Mayors Caucus).

III. Non-Agenda Public Comment
There was no non-agenda public comment.

IV. Agenda
MOTION to accept by Tim Gillian and seconded by Tonita LeShore. MOTION passed unanimously.

V. Minutes of December 9, 2013
MOTION to accept by Tim Gillian and seconded by Tonita LeShore. MOTION passed unanimously.

VI. Strategic Planning
- The objective of the meeting was to determine the overall direction of WCCHC for the next 3-5 years. The steering committee and working group members split into small groups by municipality to confirm housing goals for their municipalities. Based on the municipal-level housing goals, the group agreed to common housing goals for WCCHC:
  - Reduce foreclosures and mitigate their impact on neighborhoods
  - Improve or maintain current housing stock (with respect to quality, maintenance, accessibility, mix of housing types)
  - Maintain existing and attract new residents
- Small group discussions focused on identifying components for a new mission statement, which IFF will use to craft a new mission statement. Responses included:
  - Our Cause
    - Reduce vacant property numbers
    - Increase property values
    - Increase TOD
    - Share knowledge/resources across the region
    - Resident-focused; citizens
    - Stabilizing and preserving the communities
Our five communities
Preserving housing values

Our Actions
Bring resources/ideas to stabilize housing
Plans with deliverable results
Implementing programs as funding opportunities presented
Planning activities

Desired Impacts
Enhancing communities; upgrade communities
Shared knowledge
Decrease urban sprawl
Rehabbed homes; housing stock improved
Idea exchange
Working on common housing goals
Call to action
Communities working together serves as a model

The group supported the priorities areas suggested by IFF:
Supporting implementation of comprehensive plans
Addressing distressed small multifamily housing stock
Supporting local policy initiatives, including research into “zombie properties” and promoting good property management

Over the next month, IFF will:
Draft a mission statement based on the feedback at this meeting
Identify initiatives that align with the new priority areas
Develop funding scenarios for new priority areas

The leadership group will reconvene in May.

VII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kristine Giornalista, IFF.