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## **Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes** **May 25<sup>th</sup> 2010** **DuPage County Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Lori Clark, Grant Davis, JoAnn Eckmann, Robert Gleeson, Joanna Greene, Judith Kossy, Dennis Marino, John Schneider, Bill Whitmer ( representing Steven Anderson)

**Members Absent:** Ivan Baker, Bill Browne, Consuella Brown, Thomas Gary, John Greuling, Rand Haas, Harry Pestine, Angie Powell, Ed Sitar, Gary Skoog

**Staff Present:** Ryan Ames, Annie Byrne, Bola Delano, Brian Rademacher

**Others Present:** Kristen Andersen, Paul Heltne

### **1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

### **2.0 Welcome and Introductions**

All attendees introduced themselves.

### **3.0 Approval of the Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Joanna Greene and seconded by Grant Davis.

### **4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes.

### **5.0 Staff Report**

In collaboration with committee members Tracey Bosman and Gary Skoog, two meetings are being scheduled in June. The first meeting will focus on innovation in manufacturing/clean-technology while the second meeting will focus on innovation in small to mid-size businesses. Committee members were encouraged to recommend companies to staff that could be contacted to participate.

### **6.0 Chairman Report**

John Schneider chaired the meeting and no report was given.

## 7.0 **GOTO 2040 Update**

7.1 Staff presented a summary of the workforce/education chapter of the comprehensive plan. The four implementation areas for improving education and workforce development are : 1) improve coordination between education, workforce development, and economic development. 2) Data and information systems support intergovernmental collaboration. 3) Improve delivery of workforce development services. 4) Improve educational outcome. The floor was open for comments.

The committee suggested a distinction be made between workforce and educational initiatives. Judith Kossy said this will help develop policy for two very different groups. Lori Clark mentioned the importance of looking at the entire higher education system including bachelor and master programs. Members emphasized that the role of CMAP as an advocate for workforce development should be to identify tangible projects that can be offered as examples of best practices.

A summary of the innovation chapter was presented. The four implementation areas for improving innovation include: 1) Improving data and information systems. 2) Nurture the region's industry clusters. 3) Increase the commercialization of research, target investment decisions, and pursue new financing opportunities. 4) Create a Culture of Innovation.

Committee members were concerned that they had not received a copy of the information prior to the meeting and were hesitant to make any detailed comments. They requested a draft copy of the innovation report be forwarded so they can review it in more detail and provide comments. In general, it was agreed that all recommendations should broadly support existing initiatives on state and national levels.

## 8.0 **Brownfield Inventory Tool Kit**

The Brownfield Inventory Toolkit will be presented at the June meeting.

## 9.0 **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## 10.0 **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on **Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at 9:00am** in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher  
Staff Liaison

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