



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item No. 3.0

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Local Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Members Present:

Susan Campbell (CMAP Board) Chair, Mike Davidson (Chicago Community Trust-Human and Community Development), Nancy Firfer (MPC-Housing), Rick Reinbold (Village of Richton Park -CMAP Board), Carolyn Schofield (McHenry County-CMAP Board), Heather Tabbert (RTA-Land Use alternate), Carrie Thomas (CJC-Economic Development), Sean Weidel (City of Chicago-Environment and Natural Resources), Thomas Weisner (City of Aurora-CMAP Board)

Members Absent:

Mike Connelly (CTA-Transportation), David Galowich (ULI-Land Use), Heather Niehoff (VOA-CMAP Board), Raul Raymundo (Resurrection Project-CMAP Board), Peter Silvestri (Cook County Board-CMAP Board)

Staff Present:

Erin Aleman, Randy Blankenhorn, Annie Byrne, Bob Dean, Kristin Ihnchak, Jennifer Kane, Jill Leary, Kendra Smith, Andrew Williams-Clark, Nicole Woods

Others Present:

Jennifer Becker-KKCOM, Rob Breymaier-CAFHA, Chalen Daigle-McHenry, Morgan Davis-CAFHA, Patricia Fron-CAFHA, Brian Hacker-Metra, Kristen Maddox, Mike Walczak-NWMC

1.0 Call to Order

Susan Campbell, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., and members were asked to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-May 8, 2013

On a motion by Mayor Rick Reinbold and second by Nancy Firfer, the minutes were approved with this change.

4.0 Introduction of New Committee Members

The Local Coordinating Committee had several new committee members, so these members were asked to provide descriptions of their work. New committee members included Mayor Tom Weisner, representing Kane and Kendall Counties on the CMAP Board; Carolyn Schofield, representing McHenry County on the CMAP Board; Carrie Thomas, representing the Economic Development committee; and Sean Weidel, representing the Environment and Natural Resources committee. Mike Davidson, representing the Human and Community Development committee, is also a new member but arrived at the meeting after this item was completed.

5.0 LTA Program Update

Bob Dean informed the committee members that the primary purpose of the Local Coordinating Committee was to oversee CMAP's local planning work, including the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. Six other staff described ongoing or completed LTA projects that served as examples of the breadth of the program, including:

- Workforce development planning for the "Golden Corridor" in northwest Cook County. Carrie Thomas noted that her organization, the Chicago Jobs Council, had assisted with this project by examining the workforce development network. Mayor Weisner added that the City of Aurora was also addressing workforce development and was interested in CMAP's findings.
- Housing planning through the *Homes for a Changing Region* program. Nancy Firfer stated that the *Homes* plans had begun nearly a decade ago and had been adapted to focus on clusters of communities. Susan Campbell asked how this program interacted with HUD's fair housing requirements, and staff responded that CMAP was working on a fair housing toolkit to make this connection, as well as including some standard language in *Homes* plans.
- Strategic planning for the Northwest Water Planning Alliance. Mayor Weisner stated that he chairs this group, which emphasizes bringing together different jurisdictions to work together on water resource issues. Carolyn Schofield noted that this effort was a priority for McHenry County.
- Zoning ordinance for Village of Park Forest. Mayor Rick Reinbold noted that a similar project was occurring in the Village of Richton Park, and had been a good process that involved the community residents.
- Neighborhood planning through *Green Healthy Neighborhoods* plan in Chicago. Susan Campbell asked whether CMAP was working with UIC on the upcoming project in Pilsen and Little Village. Staff responded that UIC was part of a team that received a grant from the Chicago Community Trust to participate in this project. Sean Weidel added that coordinating with the Department of Water Management should occur as the project advances.

- Comprehensive planning for the Village of Elmwood Park. Staff noted that Pete Silvestri, a member of the Local Coordinating Committee, was the mayor of Elmwood Park when this project was undertaken.

6.0 Evaluation of LTA Applications

Erin Aleman briefly summarized the LTA applications received and described the review process. Committee members asked informational questions about several applications, including the Bronzeville projects, the presidential library, the southside broadband collaborative, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) applications from Cook and McHenry Counties, and the two bicycle projects from Northbrook.

Bob Dean noted that staff recommendations would be completed by September 13 and the Local Coordinating Committee would be asked to recommend approval on October 9. If necessary, a special meeting would be scheduled in late September for further discussion of the staff recommendations.

7.0 Fair Housing and Equity Assessment

Kendra Smith described the work of CMAP and CAFHA on the Fair Housing and Equity Assessment, which was a requirement of the grant that supports the LTA program.

Mayor Weisner asked for additional information on CAFHA and their role in this project. CAFHA representatives responded that CAFHA was a membership organization of fair housing groups in the region, and primarily does research and education work to promote integrated communities. Mayor Reinbold asked about next steps and whether the LTA program would be able to help communities implement the report's recommendations, and staff responded that this was a key next step.

Mayor Weisner asked further about the focus of the report on Racially Concentrated Areas of Poverty (RCAPs). He stated that it was also necessary to look at other areas to determine what they could do to improve integration in the region. Staff responded that this was the focus of the effort, and that encouraging diversity in all communities was among the main recommendations of the Fair Housing and Equity Assessment.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Local Coordinating Committee.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

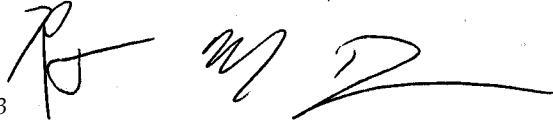
10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Coordinating Committee is scheduled for October 9, 2013. An additional meeting in late September may also be scheduled if necessary.

11.0 Adjournment

At 10:20 a.m., on a motion by Sean Weidel and a second by Nancy Firfer, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved as presented, by unanimous vote, October 9, 2013