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Local Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

8:00 a.m.

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

Committee Members

Present:

Elliott Hartstein (Village of Buffalo Grove-CMAP Board) Chair, Alan Bennett (Village of Elmwood Park -CMAP Board), Susan Campbell (University of Chicago-CMAP Board), Mike Connelly (CTA-Transportation), Nancy Firfer (MPC-Housing), Dave Galowich (ULI-Land Use), Christy Sabdo (Kane County-Environment & Natural Resources alternate), Ngoan Le (Chicago Community Trust-Human and Community Development), Marilyn Michelini (Village of Montgomery-CMAP Board), Raul Raymundo (Resurrection Project-CMAP Board), Rick Reinbold (Village of Richton Park -CMAP Board), and Dan Shea (Algonquin Township-CMAP Board)

Members Absent:

Lenore Beyer-Clow (Openlands-Environment and Natural Resources), Jerry Weber (College of Lake County-Economic Development)

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Bob Dean, Sherry Kane, Jill Leary, Jason Navota, Sef Okoth, Kendra Smith

Others Present:

Rob Breymaier-CAFHA, Patricia Fron-CAFHA, Marisa Novara-MPC, Ryan Richter-Metra, Joanna Trotter-MPC, Mike Walczak-NWMC

1.0 Call to Order

Elliott Hartstein, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., and members were asked to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. Two new members were introduced and welcomed to the committee: Michael Connelly from the CTA representing the Transportation Committee and David Galowich from ULI representing the Land Use Committee.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-November 9, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting, as presented, made by Alan Bennett, was seconded by Nancy Firfer and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Local Technical Assistance Project Report

Joanna Trotter and Marisa Novara of Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) described an ongoing project that developed a retail corridor strategy for the Bronzeville neighborhood in Chicago. Ms. Trotter gave an overview of the Bronzeville Alliance and its leadership of the Bronzeville Retail Initiative, which is designed to address challenges resulting from population decline, changes in shopping preferences and scattered development patterns. MPC's work has resulted in recommendations to focus retail activity in Bronzeville in a single corridor (47th Street) as well as specific strategies for cross-ward economic development, establishing a new Special Service Area, addressing safety concerns, and clustering business development. Ms. Trotter reported that the Alliance had applied to the Chicago Community Trust for continued support and also will be continuing to work with CMAP to finalize a land use plan for the existing corridors.

Ms. Trotter and Ms. Novara fielded questions from the committee regarding demographic and housing conditions and historical legacy in the community. In response to questions about the relationship of the Bronzeville project to CMAP's work in the nearby communities of Englewood, Washington Park, and Woodlawn, Jason Navota explained that those communities were facing similar issues in terms of responding to population decline.

Mr. Hartstein expressed interest in lessons learned from this project that could be applied to other places in the region. He noted that there was similar competition for retail between suburban communities, and expressed support for approaches to retail development oriented around multi-jurisdictional corridors. Ms. Trotter emphasized that the project succeeded because MPC spent considerable time building relationships in the community and organizing the local nonprofit groups.

5.0 Fair Housing and Equity Assessment

In order to implement the housing goals of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, CMAP has contracted with The Chicago Area Fair Housing Alliance (CAFHA) to assess the current state of fair housing in the region. The president of CAFHA, Rob Breymaier, gave an overview of the Fair Housing and Equity Assessment, which is required by HUD as part of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant. Breymaier outlined the report's components, its assessment tools, opportunity mapping, timeline and delivery of recommendations to CMAP. CAFHA will meet regularly with CMAP's Housing Committee, providing quarterly progress reports that will be seen periodically by the

Local Coordinating Committee as well as other relevant groups like the Human and Community Development Committee.

6.0 Unified Work Program (UWP) Funding Request

Bob Dean gave a brief update related to CMAP's application for Unified Work Program (UWP) funds for FY 2013 to support next year's Community Planning Program grants and to provide additional resources for local projects. A total of \$2.2 million was requested, which should fund approximately 25 projects. The UWP subcommittee will consider the applications in early spring and make its recommendations to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in June. In response to a question from the committee, Mr. Dean clarified that these funds would primarily be used to contract with consulting firms to complete selected local projects.

A motion by Alan Bennett was seconded by Marilyn Michelini to express support for the competitive projects proposal. All in favor, the motion carried.

7.0 Schedule for Next Call for Applications

Mr. Dean also reviewed the schedule for future technical assistance applications, beginning with a call for projects on May 9, 2012. Informational meetings with potential applicants will be held during the months of May and June, including outreach to the Councils of Government and a larger open house in downtown Chicago. Applications will be due August 1. A special meeting of the Local Coordinating Committee might be necessary, Mr. Dean continued, in September to consider recommending approval of the program and subsequent approval by the Board and Policy Committee on October 10, 2012.

8.0 Local Technical Assistance Program Update

A status update of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program was included in the Committee's packet.

9.0 Other Business

An update on the IKE planning program was provided. Mr. Dean stated that DCEO had not funded CMAP's application for funding, so CMAP would be working with local communities to support multijurisdictional applications.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Coordinating Committee is scheduled for May 9, 2012.

12.0 Adjournment

At 9:20 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Dan Shea was seconded by President Reinbold. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved as presented by unanimous vote, May 9, 2012