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Economic Development Committee Draft Minutes September 27, 2011

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

Committee Members

Present: Lance Pressl (Chair), Jerry Weber, Bret Johnson, Carrie Thomas, ,
Dennis Marino, Ed Sitar, Emily Harris, Gretchen Kosarko, Joanna
Greene, John Grueling, Judith Kossy, Mary Beth Marshall, Mark Hattas,
Patrick Carey (alternate for Maria Saldana), Peter Creticos, Rand Haas,
Reggie Greenwood.

Staff Present: Matt Maloney, Brett Baden, Ylda Capriccioso, Bob Dean, and Annie
Byrne

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Peter Creticos called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council: Mary Anne Kelly

Mary Anne Kelly provided an overview of the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council's (MCHC) Healthcare Workforce Institute (download presentation [here](#)). Ms. Kelly described the efforts to coordinate between multiple partners and find ways to collaboratively ensure there is a prepared workforce to meet the needs of the healthcare industry. Ms. Kelly described the strategic goals and how those goals are being met through partnerships and collaboration. She also provided an overview of lessons learned and the necessary ingredients for regional collaboration between many stakeholders. Committee members asked questions, including if the MCHC has any national partnerships or works with out-of-state entities. Ms. Kelly responded that MCHC is part of national associations, although it is often easier to align regional goals.

4.0 Approval of Minutes – July 26

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 26 meeting, as presented was made and seconded and with all in favor, carried.

5.0 Freight Cluster Drill-Down Report: Brett Baden, CMAP and Marisa Lewis, CWIC

Staff from CMAP and CWIC presented the initial findings of the Freight Cluster Drill Down report. The team presented key findings within five industry sectors: trucking, rail, transportation rental and leasing, freight transportation arrangement, and package manufacturing. A summary of the findings from the economic analysis, investigation of policy and regulatory barriers, and labor force analysis were provided. The team asked the committee for feedback on several specific questions. Committee members provided several comments, including the importance of integrating the modes and recognizing the growth of the intermodal industry. The committee discussed the need to highlight the occupations that are growing that do require advanced education and training, as well as the current gap in soft skills. It was also suggested the team think more about how to promote the cluster as a whole by finding the opportunities for innovation, growth, and investment. A greater discussion on emerging trends and important developments that will impact the cluster over the next ten years is also needed. Finally, the committee asked how this research will be used in a public policy discussion and to mobilize the right stakeholders and decision makers into action. The chair suggested that the committee could make those decisions and help transition the research into solutions and actions.

6.0 State Legislative Update: Ylda Capriccioso, CMAP

CMAP staff explained that CMAP is in the process of developing our State Policy Agenda. CMAP is identifying principles that align with GO TO 2040 and will seek committee input on legislative priorities that intersect these principles.

7.0 Local Technical Assistance Report: Bob Dean, CMAP

Due to lack of time, Bob Dean explained that he will be coming to the committee at future meetings with more details on LTA projects that have an economic development or workforce development component, and will be seeking input on recommendations for those projects.

8.0 GO TO 2040 Implementation Report: Annie Byrne, CMAP

This item is tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.

9.0 Other Business

Several committee members mentioned upcoming events; Annie Byrne will email additional details to the committee.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

11.0 Next Meeting

The Economic Development Committee will meet next on October 25. The meeting will be offsite at Gravity Tank for a special meeting on the innovation process and how this process can be used by the committee. Additional details are forthcoming.

12.0 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annie Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Annie Byrne
Committee Liaison

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