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Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes **April 27th 2010** **DuPage County Conference Room**

Members Present: Ivan Baker, Bill Browne, Grant Davis, JoAnn Eckmann, Joanna Greene, John Greuling, Rand Haas, Dennis Marino, Angie Powell, John Schneider, Gary Skoog

Members Absent: Consuella Brown, Lori Clark, Thomas Gary, Dr Robert Gleeson, Judith Kossy, Harry Pestine, Ed Sitar

Staff Present: Brett Baden, Annie Byrne, Andrew Williams Clark, Bob Dean, Brian Rademacher

Others Present: Kristen Andersen

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 Gary Skoog and seconded by Bill Brown.

4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

5.0 Staff Report

Staff presented a brief update on the innovation focus groups. Two meetings are being planned in collaboration with committee members in early 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 be contacted.

Brian Rademacher introduced a draft version of the economic development quarterly that looks at regional business activity with a focus on the labor market, productivity, real estate, and innovation. Members commended staff on this effort and considered it would be a good resource for municipalities and private sector partners. They look forward to the final product with additional updates on regional trends. The report will be posted on the CMAP website and will be updated regularly.

6.0 Chairman Report

There was no report from the Chairman.

7.0 GOTO 2040 Update

7.1 Bob Dean gave a brief update on the progress of the comprehensive plan. He stated that a full draft of GO TO 2040 will be released for public comment from June 11 – August 2010. A website www.goto2040.org/plandocs was provided where members could read current chapters and provide comments and feedback. Members were encouraged to review these sections and provide their comments as soon as possible. Bob Dean also informed members that the comment period on Major Capital Projects was still open and if any committee members had further questions or comments to contact him directly.

7.2 Andrew Williams Clark gave an update on the indicators project and the plan's recommendations for Data Sharing. He is currently in the process of developing a website that allows users to access data and customize it in ways that are useful to them. A municipal survey is being sent out to better understand the data needs and ability to gather data at a very local level. He went on to discuss the plan recommendations on Data Sharing and Transparency most of which are designed to improve government efficiency and accountability. The *GO TO 2040 plan* supports the sharing of data across jurisdictions and the transparency of information for the general public. Some of the recommendations discussed were 1) CMAP and the State of Illinois should define data transparency practices consistent with the latest federal guidance. 2) CMAP should convene stakeholder discussions about how public data should/could be formatted and made accessible. 3) CMAP should integrate local and regional data with available state and federal data resources, so that constituents and local governments have access to a seamless informational product that encompasses all the necessary components 4) Government entities at all levels, should make relevant data in their possession readily available by routine posting to the Internet.

The committee suggested strong and steady follow-up with the municipal survey in order to have a good response rate. They suggested reaching out to other regional groups and county economic development offices to get the word out. Ivan Baker suggested talking to committee members and other economic development professionals at the municipal level who can also help get the word out about the survey.

8.0 Other Business

Staff briefly described the recent award of \$25 million federal stimulus grant for energy-efficient retrofits of commercial and residential buildings. The grant is a regional collaboration is led by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the City of Chicago, with support from the City of Rockford and other stakeholders. The three-year award will help the emerging retrofit market make the transition to a fully developed commercial sector by creating efficiencies on a broad regional scale. Called the Chicago Region Retro-fit Ramp-up (CR3) the project will increase access to capital by developing new financing mechanisms and funding pilot programs. A portion of the grant will fund a broad-based marketing campaign to educate consumers.

The committee thanked staff for the overview and look forward to further information at future meetings.

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on **Tuesday, May 25th, 2010 at 9:00am** in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher
Staff Liaison

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