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Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes **September 22nd – 9:00am** **DuPage County Conference Room**

Members Present: Consuella Brown, Bill Browne, Lori Clark, Grant Davis, JoAnn Eckmann, Thomas Gary, Andre Garner (for John Schneider), John Greuling, Rand Haas, Ed Sitar.

Members Absent: Chris Aiston, Ivan Baker, Tracey Bosman, Robert Gleeson, Robin Kelly, Judith Kossy, Charles Perkins, Harry Pestine, Angie Powell, Mike Scholefield, Gary Skoog.

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Annie Byrne, Bob Dean, Bola Delano, Brian Rademacher

Others Present: Kristen Anderson, Paul Heltne, R. Damon Lee

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 Lori Clark and seconded by Bill Browne.

4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

5.0 Staff Report

Staff informed members that CMAP will rebroadcast the learning lab webinars on the brownfield grant application process. Committee members were encouraged to inform colleagues and contacts that are interested in applying for a grant to sign up for the webinar. There is an event on November 4th, at Harper College called 'Accessing Innovation in a Challenging Economy', which will touch on topics including how to gain access to capital, trade adjustment assistance programs, and other sources of funding. Members were encouraged to invite small to medium size manufactures in their communities to attend.

6.0 Chairman Report

There was no update from the chairman to the committee.

7.0 *GOTO 2040 Update*

7.1 Staff provided a brief recap of the three subcommittee meetings held to discuss the recommendations in the three reports prepared by RCF and the Delta Institute. The subcommittee suggested that an overarching aspect for each recommendation should include ongoing research, collaboration, and measurement; and that these activities be highlighted as important components to the success of each recommendation. It was recommended that a case study be conducted on a cluster of industries to demonstrate how these reports interrelate, address regional challenges and be used as a best practice model in moving forward. The committee was asked to prioritize the recommendations as summarized at a future meeting.

The chairman thanked the committee members for taking time to meet and discuss these reports during the summer. He emphasized the importance of ensuring the reports reflect economic development in the region. The committee agreed to work with CMAP staff as they attempt to convene meetings on topics related to innovation and green economic development. JoAnn Eckmann was concerned that the final reports do not reflect the recent work of the subcommittee and asked that there be a link between the reports and the committee's comments. Rand Haas suggested an addendum or appendix to each report. Lori Clark further commented that CMAP should include a disclaimer that the agency has not verified the facts in these reports. The committee agreed with staff that the reports need a final review before anything is officially posted. They further agreed to come back next month and prioritize the recommendations.

7.2 Staff presented an overview of the next phase of the *GO TO 2040* comprehensive plan – developing a preferred scenario. The preferred scenario will calculate benefits for economic and fiscal outcomes, transportation, environmental/ social and equity outcomes. Staff outlined the preferred scenario policy directions for housing, environment, transportation, and governance. The preferred scenario policy process will focus on infrastructure, workforce/ human capital, business innovation, tax policy and its impact on land use and equitable distribution of economic growth. Committee members will be asked in the future to review and discuss policy directions on the economy. The overall timeline for the remainder of the planning process was also presented to the group. It was requested that the PowerPoint presentation on this aspect be made available on-line for future reference.

7.3 Staff gave a brief summary of the 'Invent the Future' efforts. Public engagement activities included public workshops, fairs and festivals, kiosks, and online participation. Over fifty workshops were held throughout the region with over 1,400 attendees. Over 2,800 surveys were collected at fairs and festivals. Approximately 12,000 answered both survey questions and completed a kiosk session. Use of the online MetroQuest software estimates around 2,200 visitors with over 300 submitting and rating scenarios as well as

exploring the software. Overall, the public engagement fostered a greater understanding of how decisions impact planning and engaged the region in comprehensive planning.

8.0 Other Business

Paul Heltne, Ph.D., gave a brief presentation on metal minerals scarcity reviewing the historical extraction rates for minerals, the projected shortages the world may face, and outlined solutions including reducing new draws on in-ground resources and creating things that can be easily disassembled for re-use, refurbishment, or remanufacture.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on **Tuesday October 27, 2009 at 9:00am** in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher
Staff Liaison

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