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Joint Meeting
Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes
Environment and Natural Resources Committee
May 26– 9:00am
DuPage County Conference Room

Members Present: Chris Aiston, Consuella Brown, Lori Clark, Grant Davis, Thomas Gary, John Greuling, Judith Kossy, John Schneider, Ed Sitar, Martha Dooley (ENR), Pete Harmet (ENR), Karla Kramer (ENR), Joe Schuessler (ENR), Jim VanderKloot (ENR), Sean Weidel (ENR), Patty Werner (ENR)

Members Absent: Tracey Bosman, Bill Browne, JoAnn Eckmann, Robert Gleeson, Rand Haas, Robin Kelly, Cindy McSherry, Sean McCarthy, Charles Perkins, Harry Pestine, Angie Powell, Mike Scholefield, David Young

Staff Present: Annie Byrne, Bob Dean, Bola Delano, Kristen Heery, Brian Rademacher, Paul Reise

Others Present: Kristie Anderson, R. Damon Lee, Mark M.

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 Thomas Gary and seconded by Lori Clark.

4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

5.0 Chairman Report

The chairman gave an update on the DRI process. Version 2 of the DRI process was submitted to the Programming Committee in April and was approved with minor adjustments. It was agreed that only one threshold needs to be met in order for a development to qualify as a DRI. An amendment was introduced by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee that if a project is within 100 yards of critical streams and natural area as defined by the Department of Natural Resources, it may proceed

with a DRI review by applying the thresholds reduced by 50%. A vote was tabled to permit members more time to review and clarify the DRI process as proposed. The chair highlighted that the final version still includes the two year beta period with case studies.

The chairman then gave an update on the subcommittee's involvement on the incentives whitepaper. He said it would basically be a good introductory paper about incentives. The subcommittee's feedback included recommendations that data used should be updated to reflect recent trends especially as it relates to the state's current incentives programs. All recommended conclusions about the effectiveness of incentives should be supported with case studies highlighting successful and unsuccessful projects

6.0 GOTO 2040 Update

6.1 The Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) gave two presentations. The first presentation was an inventory on Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Chicago Region. The purpose of the study was to understand how consuming energy in a variety of ways causes emissions. The analysis focused on emissions from five industry sectors – Energy, Transportation, Waste and Wastewater, Industrial Processes and Product Use, Agriculture and Livestock, and Aviation. Specific analysis about the region forecasting out to 2040 will be part of the report which is due out by the end of June.

The second presentation gave an overview on the preliminary findings of the Regional Energy Snapshot offering a detailed synopsis on energy consumption in the region, in each county, and highlighted 6 “case study” municipalities. The energy uses discussed included natural gas, electricity, and vehicle miles traveled. Potential strategies to reduce energy consumption in the region were highlighted, including household renewable energy generation (i.e. wind turbines, PV panels, etc), energy retrofits to residential, commercial, and industrial buildings, as well as new construction of green buildings. Next steps in the report process would include developing more detail on the strategies. The energy snapshot is due to be complete by the end of June.

Committee members gave some recommendations which included having graphs and charts in the report that highlight energy consumption for each county, showing how that consumption relates to the counties respective energy capacity and how it compares relatively to other places.

Committee members suggested a comparison of the Chicago region to other Midwest regions. It would also be beneficial to highlight what would happen if the region did nothing to change its energy consuming habits. In terms of the strategies for retrofitting and green building construction, the committee members recommended CNT highlight the financial benefit to businesses by building green and retrofitting old structures so to highlight why it makes sense from an economics stand point.

7.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on **Tuesday June 23, 2009 at 9:00am** in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher
Staff Liaison

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