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## **Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes** **September 23– 9:00am** **DuPage County Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Chris Aiston, Tim Angell, Tracey Bosman, Lori Clark, Grant Davis, , Robin Kelly, Judith Kossy, Charles Perkins, Harry Pestine, Angie Powell

**Members Absent:** Andre Ashmore, Joe Balasa, Gideon Blustein, Consuella Brown, Bill Browne, Robert Gleeson, John Greuling, Sean McCarthy, Cindy McSherry, Mike Scholefield, David Young

**Staff Present:** Erin Aleman, Annie Byrne, Matthew Maloney, Ylda Pineyro, Brian Rademacher, Paul Reise,

### **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 Tim Angell and seconded by Lori Clark.

### **4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

No agenda changes were made.

### **5.0 Staff Report**

Staff informed the committee that CMAP is working with partner organizations such as MPC, Mayors Caucus, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago to determine strategic ways in which funds for the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 which appropriates \$3.92 billion for grants to states and localities for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes. Over the next few weeks, CMAP will analyze data and identify specific strategies to proceed with the program.

### **6.0 GO TO 2040 Update**

#### **6.1 Snapshot: Business Location Decisions**

Annie Byrne and Matthew Maloney presented initial findings on factors that drive business location decisions. The analysis looked at existing conditions and recent trends

regarding the geographic location patterns. Staff sought suggestions from the committee for further research.

Tim Angell stated that taxes and incentives can be a factor on location decisions. Members suggested that the report look at the importance of taxes and incentives in so far as they are part of a location decision. Tracey Bosman added that the report could benefit from showing how the region compares against other regions. Harry Pestine reminded staff of the Corridors of Opportunity project by DCEO and recommended staff follow-up with them on their findings. He also recommended they focus on disinvested areas and vacant land to include work done on previous reports at CMAP. Lori Clark suggested staff consider the importance of business expansions which also plays a big role location decisions. The committee asked for future update as the work progresses and thanked staff for the report.

### **6.2 Regional Indicators Project**

Andrew Williams Clark reported that staff had developed recommendations for tracking taking into account input from the working committees, workshop participants and other stakeholders. Following Board approval in November, CMAP staff will prioritize data and begin to develop visualizations and indicators for distribution to stakeholders and the public.

### **7.0 Public Outreach**

Ylda Pineyro introduced the *GO TO 2040 partnership* campaign. The program is an effort to join regional stakeholders, local governments and other groups in the region to work toward the common Regional Vision. The Partnership allows participants to have access to planning experts, various tools and resources about regional comprehensive planning, and the opportunity to make sure their organization's voice is heard.

### **8.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **9.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on Tuesday October 28, 2008 at 9:00am in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher  
Staff Liaison

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