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Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes **August 26– 9:00am** **DuPage County Conference Room**

Members Present: Chris Aiston, Tim Angell, George Billows, Tracey Bosman, Consuella Brown, Bill Browne, Lori Clark, Grant Davis, John Greuling, Judith Kossy, Charles Perkins, Mike Scholefield, David Young

Members Absent: Andre Ashmore, Joe Balasa, Robert Gleeson, Robin Kelly, Sean McCarthy, Cindy McSherry, Harry Pestine, Angie Powell

Staff Present: Annie Byrne, Bob Dean, 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

Tim Angell requested a correction to the July minutes under section 4.0 to note his title is Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development in the City of Des Plaines. Motion to approve the minutes was made by David Young and seconded by Judith Kossy.

4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No agenda changes were made.

5.0 Staff Report

Staff informed the committee that CMAP will host three Plan Commissioner Workshops this fall. The committee was encouraged to share and distribute the flyers with local officials and contacts.

6.0 Chairman Report

John Greuling reported the committee's comments and recommendations were conveyed to the Programming Committee in August in particular the committee's recommendation for a twenty-four month trial period. He relayed to the committee that CMAP staff will take all comments and recommendations made by the working committees. The programming committee will review a revised draft in September and

then the document will be released for public comment. The committee chair encouraged committee members to be informed citizens and make comments and suggestions as representatives of their community and business. This will lend to the process and help move it forward.

7.0 Go To 2040 Update

7.1 Snapshot: Cluster Analysis

Brian Rademacher presented initial findings on the Cluster Analysis. A cluster analysis is vital for CMAP to identify target industries, strategies, and policies in the GO TO 2040 plan. The purpose of this report is to inform the regional planning process, provide a base economic analysis of the region's economy, sectors and industries, engage regional leaders, institutions and private sector to identify industry clusters, brand the region and the counties. The presentation highlighted the region's economy, which included analysis of employment, employment distribution, gross regional product, and offered insight of current industry trends in the region. The next steps in the cluster analysis include conducting interviews with regional leaders and economic development directors in the region for an assessment of current trends. Staff also requested two or three committee members to serve as council during the interim period to provide feedback and assistance where possible.

The committee commended staff on the work done thus far. They agreed that it provides a good foundation for further analysis of the region's economy. Chris Aiston asked if productivity will be used as a measure in the report. It was confirmed that productivity is one of the measures that will be used in subsequent steps of the research. John Grueling asked if an analysis could be done of these industries using a time period ten or twenty years ago. It was confirmed that such an analysis could be done. Lori Clark, Tracey Bosman, and Tim Angell volunteered to assist as a sub-committee.

7.2 Scenario Construction

Bob Dean presented the potential courses of action on economic development and sought further recommendations or revisions. The committee recommended several changes which included, changing the title 'integrated workforce' to 'Human Capital Investment'; focusing on re-development and exiting infrastructure; include communities in regional collaboration course of action; be explicit on how regional collaboration will promote regional equity and global competitiveness. The committee was satisfied with the process of drafting and developing the courses of action and look forward to future opportunities. Staff will amend the courses of action and include them in the committee packet next month. Discussion on scenario construction process and specific courses of action will continue at the September meeting.

7.3 Regional Indicators Project

Bob Dean, presenting for Andrew Williams Clark, asked if the committee had any comments on the indicators chosen to measure economic competitiveness. The committee agreed that these indicators are good measures. There were some questions about the sources and specificity of indicators for this theme. Consuella Brown commented that under workforce it is important to capture the number of persons being prepared to enter the workforce. Judith Kossy agreed and said it is important to show that education and workforce are related. Tracey Bosman asked if indicators are available at specific levels as well as globally tracked. Staff commented that efforts are being made to use indicators that can drill down to the census track. John Greuling noted that indicators tracked globally will allow for the region to be seen in a larger context and address global competitiveness.

8.0 Public Comment

Committee members took the opportunity to make announcements on upcoming events. George Billows announced the freight committee at CMAP will host Bob Costello, the Chief Economist for the American Trucking Association. Chris Aiston made mention of a Kane County Workshop on tools for implementing an improved transit system on September 24th. John Greuling mentioned the Will County Center for Economic Development hosting the Global Logistics Summit on 18th of September. Michael Scholefield announced the creation of the Cook County Suburban Economic Development Commission. The Commission has been organized to ensure every available resource will be focused on economic development opportunities throughout suburban Cook.

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 September 23, 2008 at 9:00am in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher
Staff Liaison

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