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Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes May 27– 9:00am DuPage County Conference Room

Members Present: Bill Browne, Lori Clark, Grant Davis, John Greuling, Judith Kossy, Cindy McSherry, Harry Pestine, Charles Perkins

Members Absent: Chris Aiston, Andre Ashmore, George Billows, Joe Balasa, Gideon Blustein, Tracey Bosman, Consuella Brown, Robert Gleeson, Robin Kelly, Sean McCarthy, Angie Powell, Mike Scholefield, Kim Uhlig, David Young

Staff Present: Andrew-Williams Clark, Bob Dean, Bola Delano, Brian Rademacher, Paul Reise, Bradley Wolf

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 Charles Perkins and seconded by Bill Browne.

4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No agenda changes were made.

5.0 Staff Report

Event:

A panel discussion on Public Private Partnerships will be held Tuesday June 3rd from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the ComEd Commercial Center. It will focus on the legal aspects of Public Private Partnerships and offer practical advice on how to develop partnerships and recommend ways to engage the public and private sector in building active participation. For further information please contact Brian Rademacher or Paul Reise.

Report

Brian Rademacher presented a brief review of some of the recent work accomplished by the Community and Technical Assistance Unit. Some of these accomplishments included holding two successful panel discussions on best practices linking planning and economic development; conducting two Planning and Zoning Commissioner Workshops; Updating the Business/Industrial Park Map; and coordinating activities in communities and organizations throughout the region to promote the GoTo 2040 plan and CMAP services and resources.

The committee was pleased to know that CMAP was out in the region providing assistance and commended the unit on their efforts. The committee chair urged members to assist by also promoting CMAP and its efforts.

6.0 GO TO 2040 Update

6.1 Scenario Construction

Bob Dean went through the next steps in developing the GoTo 2040 Regional Plan. He briefly spoke about the Scenario construction process. Scenarios are a combination of actions (policies, strategies, and investments) that represent alternative paths that the region could take toward reaching a desired future. Over the course of the summer and fall the committee will be involved in the construction and identification of scenarios through pictures, texts and indicators. This process is designed to show what the region could/will look like under different scenarios. Bob Dean will give a more detailed presentation in June to describe the role of the committee.

6.2 Regional Indicators Development

Andrew Williams Clark presented a spreadsheet that showed how each of the indicators proposed by the committee at previous meetings fits into the GoTo 2040 vision themes. The committee was asked to review the spreadsheet and provide clarification on indicators with a question mark.

The committee agreed to remove from the list, the indicator that measures the Success Rate of State of Illinois' Critical Skills Shortages Initiative because the program was no longer active. Lori Clark promised to provide Andrew Williams Clark with data resources for the indicator on Number of Hard to Employ Participants in Workforce Development Programs.

Harry Pestine recommended an indicator to keep track of all economic development programs that are authorized by the legislature and subsequently funded. This would not only keep track of what programs exist in the region but could reduce duplication of efforts when new programs are up for authorization. Lori Clark said it wouldn't be too

difficult to collect data on what has been done and concurred that such an indicator was a good idea.

John Greuling wrapped up the conversation by reminding staff and the committee that objectivity can not be lost in the indicator process. Indicators can go a long way in developing a positive culture of economic development in the region and shape how economic developers look at issues like workforce development, business expansion, retention, and attraction, and innovation.

The committee will continue to receive updates and have opportunities to comment on the indicators as the project continues.

7.0 Public Comment

No Public Comment.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:30am

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on Tuesday June 24, 2008 at 9:00am in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher
Staff Liaison

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