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Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes March 25 – 9.00am Dupage County Conference Room

Members Present: Chris Aiston, Joe Balasa, Gideon Blustein, Tracey Hyatt-Bosman, Consuella Brown, Bill Browne, Lori Clark, Grant Davis, Thomas Gary (for Andre Ashmore), Robert Gleeson, John Grueling, Robin Kelly, Judith Kossy, Harry Pestine, Charles Perkins.

Members Absent: Yasmine T. Bates, George Billows, Christine Jefferies, Sean McCarthy, Cindy McSherry, Kim Uhlig, Mike Scholefield, David Young

Staff Present: Shana Alford, Randy Blakenhorn, Annie Byrne, 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 Chris Aiston seconded by Thomas Gary.

4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No agenda changes were made. There was a discussion about the attendance of members to the planning and programming committee meetings. In light of the fact that Robin Kelly could not attend all the meetings due to her commitments in Springfield, members were asked to approve Lori Clark as a vice-chair alternate to represent the economic and community development committee at the planning committee. The committee approved the recommendation.

5.0 Committee Work Plan

The chair reviewed the draft work plan with the committee and sought comments, changes or recommendations. None were given. A motion was made to approve by Charles Perkins and seconded by Lori Clark. The committee approved the work plan.

6.0 Staff Report

Events:

A panel discussion on Development Incentives will be held Monday March 31 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the ComEd Commercial Center. For further information please contact Brian Rademacher or Paul Reise.

Report

Brian Rademacher presented a brief report on the collection of economic and community development indicators. Consuella Brown asked if the project will be collecting data that compares the region to the nation and other global region as this was an essential component. It was confirmed that efforts will be made to collect global indicators as part of the Regional Indicators Project and this will be discussed later in the meeting. Members were reminded that the information recently circulated was the committee's attempt to create a baseline and guide for economic and community indicators that will be used in the Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Randy Blankenhorn informed members that the development of indicators is a driving component of the comprehensive plan and encouraged the committee to continue with this process informing staff with their comments as the project evolves. Brian Rademacher asked members to review the current list and submit indicators that they considered relevant. Joe Balasa immediately recommended that indicators on taxation be included. Judith Kossy recommended indicators on research and innovation while Consuella Brown suggested language capacity.

The committee was also asked to consider five indicators that could be reviewed. These will be discussed at the next meeting. John Grueling reminded members that there had been a lot of concentration on economic development indicators and so he suggested the formation of a sub-working committee to help develop indicators pertinent to community development. All interested committee members were asked to contact Brian Rademacher.

7.0 Regional Plan Update

Bob Dean gave a brief update on the overall development of regional indicators. He informed members that CMAP was partnering with the Chicago Community Trust to develop regional indicators in a wider context to bring in all other aspects relevant to planning. CMAP has also contracted with Metro Chicago Information Center to examine existing datasets for the indicators identified by the working committees. Later in the year a select short list will be developed and this will set the direction for the comprehensive plan.

Joe Balasa commended this effort as this process will finally provide current research with empirical evidence that will help discuss policy issues relevant to the region. Consuella Brown said that working with the Chicago Community Trust was a good opportunity to gain constituents and build partnerships. John Grueling recommended that it would be beneficial to all if the committee could meet with the consultant and

contribute to the process. A discussion then followed where it was finally decided that an Indicator meeting date be set for all committees and this will ensure that all working groups have had the opportunity to participate in the development of regional indicators. Bob Dean welcomed this opportunity and indicated that he will work with staff to ensure that this is done.

Bob Dean then spoke about the Scenario Development initiative of the GoTo 2040 plan. He described scenarios as combinations of actions (policies, strategies, and investments) that represent alternative paths that the region could take toward reaching its desired future, as expressed in the regional vision. Regional indicators will be used as guide posts for scenario development.

Lori Clark informed the group that the Board of Education has done work similar to this and said she would send him information and related papers about the project. Bob Gleeson applauded these efforts saying it is beneficial to come up with alternative scenarios on land-use and transportation and see how they effect economic development and the environment. He asked how scenario construction for the regional plan will take in to consideration the influences that are not fixed but change over time. Bob Dean responded that preferred scenarios will be developed after the policies and indicators have been established. These will help project the future scenarios used in the plan.

8.0 Snapshot: Impact Fees

Paul Reise re-introduced the report on Impact Fees. He gave a brief review of the research completed to date. The committee provided suggestions and comments to current work done. Some of the suggestions made was to; include a discussion on the statutes and application of impact fees in the region; use demographics to level the playing field and as a way to develop how impact fees are used; to have impact fees as an indicator. Paul Reise agreed to forward his current scope and findings to allow more robust comments and suggestions.

9.0 Public Comment

No Public Comment.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:30am

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on Tuesday April 22, 2008 at 9:00am in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher
Staff Liaison

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