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Economic Development Committee

DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Weber (Lake County College), Carrie Thomas (Chicago Jobs Council), Dennis Marino (City of Evanston), Ed Sitar (ComEd), Emily Harris (Metropolis Strategies), JoAnn Eckmann (World Business Chicago), Joanna Greene (Chicago Workforce Investment Council), John Grueling (Will County Center for Economic Development), Judith Kossy (Policy Planning Partners), Mary Beth Marshall (DuPage Workforce Board), Matt Summy (Illinois Science and Technology Coalition), Patrick Carey (Cook County), Peter Creticos (Institute for Work and the Economy), Reggie Greenwood (South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association), Sean McCarthy (Office of the Hon. Randall Hultgren, Member of Congress).

Others Present: Delia Smires, IDOT

Staff Present: Bob Dean, Matt Maloney, Garrett Ballard-Rosa, Simone Weil, and Annie Byrne

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice Chair, Jerry Weber.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were not agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-November 29, 2011

The minutes of the November 29, 2011 meeting were approved, as presented.

4.0 Update on OECD Tri-State Territorial Review, Jerry Weber

Jerry Weber provided an overview of the recent OECD review of the Tri-State Territorial review. A delegation led by Governor Thompson traveled to the OECD headquarters in Paris for the review. The report was approved and is now in production; details are in development for the release during the OECD Roundtable of Mayors and Ministers on March 8th and 9th. Peter Creticos also updated the committee on the editing process and thanked everyone for their input and comments. The committee asked what will happen after the report is complete and how implementation will be led. Peter said there will be a second report required by EDA which will likely be a strategic plan to implement the report's recommendations.

5.0 CMAP Staff Updates:

5.1 Local Technical Assistance Update

Bob Dean explained that the Blue Island comprehensive plan will include a workforce component and the Chicago Jobs Council (CJC) has been selected to lead research and development of the recommendations regarding workforce development. Committee member Carrie Thomas explained that CJC staff is developing an environmental scan of organizations that provide workforce development services in the area. The scan will help identify gaps that could be addressed by recommendations in the plan. In response to questions from committee members, Carrie explained this scan is only within Blue Island, but they will look for opportunities to coordinate with other communities.

5.2 Human Capital Information Portal

Annie Byrne presented the wireframes for the new Human Capital Information Portal. She explained this data portal is the result of the GO TO 2040 recommendation to improve data and information systems for education and workforce development and has been steered largely by input from a group of data users, known as the Workforce Data Partners. In addition, a series of focus groups were held to help focus the purpose of the website and ensure it meets users' needs. The website will combine data from multiple sources to help people better understand the current and projected demand for jobs by industry, how employment by occupation is expected to change, the training and education levels needed for those occupations, where people can go to get the associated education and training, and how many students complete certain post-secondary education programs.

Annie walked through the wireframes and described the navigation and visualizations. She explained the tool will organize data by industry cluster, in coordination with CMAP's cluster drill-down reports; the first cluster to be included is the freight cluster and manufacturing will likely be the second cluster. Committee members suggested wage rates be included, and the development of an ontology be explored. In response to a question, Annie explained the primary users who helped shape this portal are people who fund or develop training and education programs, but there is a much wider user-base, including economic development agencies.

6.0 Freight and Logistics Projects in South Suburbs, Reggie Greenwood

Committee member Reggie Greenwood presented on emerging freight and logistics projects in the south suburbs and what is being done to help further these projects. Reggie

described a recent Department of Labor grant to develop course for National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) training and the Sustainable Communities Initiative funding for a GIS parcel level data tool. The bulk of remainder of the presentation was on the Logistics Park Calumet Regional Development Plan. Reggie described the opportunities and assets in Harvey to develop this logistics park, as well as the potential impact from the planned developments for the Prince Rupert Harbor. Reggie also discussed several challenges, including the need for a Foreign Trade Zone and greater collaboration between the community colleges. He also discussed the opportunity the Peotone airport represents.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

8.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

9.0 Next Meeting

The committee meets next on February 28, 2012.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annie Byrne
Committee Liaison

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