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Housing Working Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 15, 2010

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Rob Breymaier, Nancy Firfer, David Gravel, Calvin Holmes, Tammie Grossman, Paul Leder, Janice Morrissy, Nicole Nutter, Seth Reimer, Steve Schaffer, Lisa Tapper, Joanna Trotter, Dan Ungerleider, Linda Young

Staff Present: Lee Deuben, Bob Dean, Andrew Williams-Clark

Others Present: Maria Choca Urban, Center for Neighborhood Technology

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by committee Chair, Nancy Firfer

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no changes to the agenda or announcements made

3.0 Approval of Minutes- March 18, 2010

A call for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 housing committee, as presented, and a motion was made by Dan Ungerleider and seconded by Paul Leder. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 GO TO 2040 Land Use and Housing Recommendations: Bob Dean, CMAP

Mr. Dean provided the housing committee with an overview of the draft land use and housing recommendations. He described how the recommendation will fit into the larger plan and that the draft will be up for public comment from June to August. Mr. Dean emphasized a few key themes of the recommendations: a diverse range of housing stock is critical, support livable communities, and locally appropriate. Paul Leder emphasized that attention should be paid to regulatory changes and elected officials. Janice Morrissy stated that there should also be emphasis on building municipal staff capacity. Calvin Holmes commented that a lot can be accomplished through peer exchange models especially around NIMBY issues. Paul Colgan discussed a recent planning process and the need for planner to understand local context and dynamics. David Gravel also

mentioned that often zoning changes run counter to affordable housing goals and Nicole Nutter replied that many municipalities struggle with balancing affordable housing with good design. Dan Ungerleider suggested that there might be some opportunity to work with elected official on conflict resolution to deal with community opposition. Rob Breymaier suggested that community based-organizations be included as a stakeholder group. Calvin Holmes suggested explicitly encouraging municipalities to preserve or produce affordable housing that currently have a deficiency. Janice Morrissy also suggested that CMAP exclude areas with high concentrations of affordable housing from the discussion. Sharon Gorrell suggested reaching out beyond development and municipal staff to chambers of commerce. Mr. Dean concluded by reviewing what the final product of the plan will entail and how housing fits in to the twelve key recommendations. Mr. Dean requested that housing committee member forward Lee Deuben comments in two weeks.

5.0 GO TO 2040 Public Transit Recommendations: Bob Dean, CMAP

Next Bob Dean reviewed the draft *GO TO 2040* transit recommendations. He suggested that the recommendations take into account the regions forecasted growth. He said that CMAP is exploring strategies such as congestion pricing, parallel transit service, transit value capture and parking pricing as potential revenue sources. Mr. Dean stated that the plan needs to consider fiscal constraints and that a primary focus of the recommendation will be to focus on modernizing the existing transit system, and expanding bus service to where there is increasing demand, and to look at supportive land uses.

6.0 Potential GO TO 2040 Data Sharing Recommendations: Andrew-Williams Clark, CMAP

Andrew Williams- Clark provided a presentation on the status of the Regional Indicators Project and the proposed recommendations for data sharing. Mr. Williams-Clark provided a quick demonstration of the beta version of the indicators website. Housing committee member's comments on what a valuable resource the website will be and how far CMAP has come over the past few years in developing it. Next, Mr. William Clark provided information on the information sharing recommendation.

7.0 New Measure of Housing & Transportation Affordability: Maria Choca Urban, Center for Neighborhood Technology

Maria Choca Urban from the Center for Neighborhood Technology provided the CMAP housing committee a brief presentation on CNT's new Housing + Transportation research entitled: Pennywise Pound Fuelish. Ms. Choca Urban provided the committee an overview of the housing plus transportation cost analysis and what some CNT's recent research has found. She stated that the H+T index challenges the conventional wisdom of affordability and that this measure is gaining headway at the federal level and through proposed legislation in the state.

8.0 Other Regional Housing Initiative Updates: Lee Deuben and Committee Members

There we no housing initiative updates

6.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7.0 Other Comments

There were no other comments

8.0 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Housing Working Committee is Thursday, May 20th 2010 at 9:00 am in the CMAP offices.

9.0 Adjournment

A call for a motion to adjourn was made and a motion was made by Tammie Grossman and seconded by Joanna Trotter. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Deuben', is written in a cursive style.

Lee Deuben