



Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

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

Members Present:

Mark Avery (chair), Judy Beck, Robert Cole, David Dubois, David Galowich, Jim LaBelle, Ed Paesel (vice-chair), Kai Tarum, John Paige (for Karen Stonehouse), Nicole Nutter (for Heather Tabbert)

Members Absent:

Jerry Conrad, Roger Dahlstrom, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Lisa DiChiera, Karrie Frilling, Robert Palmer, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Smith, Nancy Williamson, Nathaniel Werner, Norm West

Staff Present:

Ty Warner (committee liaison), Erin Aleman, Bob Dean, Stephen Ostrander, Andrew Williams Clark, Randy Blankenhorn (part)

Others Present:

Tam Kutzmark (DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference), Ryan Richter (Metra), Mike Walczack (Northwest Municipal Conference), Paul Heltne, Robert Munson (CMAP Citizens Advisory Committee)

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None

3.0 Approval of Meeting Notes – August 19, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 19 meeting was made by Robert Cole and seconded by David Dubois. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 **Legislative Update**

HB 2359 (Transportation Investment Accountability Act) sponsored by former State Representative Kathy Ryg (now President of Voices for Illinois Children) will re-emerge as H.B. 4590 in the veto session. A lead sponsor is being sought.

5.0 **Indicators Data Collection:** Andrew Williams-Clark, CMAP

Williams-Clark relayed that CMAP wants to be able to measure the things we will be advocating with the regional comprehensive plan, and additional information will be obtained through a local government survey. It will be based on a prior CMAP survey about environmental practices in local government, which worked well.

The committee provided feedback on various aspects of the draft survey questions, including working TODs into the survey, TIF versus Enterprise Zones and Recovery Zone Bonds, and the incorporation of LEED-ND. The Committee also gave feedback on the effectiveness of approaches and format in administering the survey.

6.0 **GO TO 2040 Scenario Conclusions:** Bob Dean, CMAP

CMAP is shifting into the development of a preferred regional scenario. Bob Dean gave an overview of the development of the preferred scenario and the policy directions that are being developed. Slides were shown of a similar process from SACOG. The target is to have a preferred scenario adopted in January of 2010, with a draft of the Regional Comprehensive Plan in May.

Paesel commented on the importance of three issues:

1. Investments in infrastructure, included broadband and Internet access;
2. Considerations of transit not just in terms of service but in capital equipment; and
3. Targeting economic development to areas that have affordable housing.

Beck wanted there to be consideration of climate change and recognition of green as well as grey infrastructure.

There was further discussion about the ability of recommendations to be implementable, realistic, and to have local significance.

LaBelle relayed the importance of pricing equity, asking the question of "what am I going to pay for the value that I get?" While this can be complicated, it speaks to the way people make decisions about living where they do. Further, there is a clear relationship between cost of transportation and settlement pattern.

Paige noticed that there seems to be much assumption based on local land use where CMAP does not actually have authority, and that this speaks to the importance of being proactive on what are primarily intergovernmental efforts.

Galowich added that mixed use needs to be economically viable, and many plans that try to promote mixed use unfortunately do not take into account the actual economic feasibility of a particular site where it is being advocated.

Cole referred to congestion pricing, and that there needs be attention paid to parallel alternatives or it can be a two-edged sword.

Tam Kutzmark added that marketing transit service should be called out as a specific strategy.

Tarum pointed to the draft of LEED-ND, which will help getting to actual numbers related to density and compactness.

7.0 GO TO 2040 Inventing the Future: Erin Aleman, CMAP

Erin Aleman gave an update on the completion of summer activities. Fifty-seven workshops were held in total with approximately 1,500 attendees. In addition over 2,200 people used MetroQuest online and 300 unique scenarios were submitted. A full report on all summer activities will be forthcoming.

8.0 Next scheduled meeting: October 21st 2009

9.0 Other Business

Ty Warner and John Paige indicated that there were already record numbers registered for the APA Upper Midwest Conference the following week. These numbers mean additional roundtable discussion table topics will be needed to those already being provided by some members of the committee, so others are encouraged to join in the discussion.

Erin Aleman relayed that the Future Leaders in Planning program (FLIP) is looking for experts to interview on January 9th, 2010.

Nicole Nutter announced that on September 15 the RTA Board adopted the Housing and Jobs Policy, which amended the RTA's strategic plan to address the spatial disconnect between housing and jobs, creating policies for the RTA to encourage housing and jobs to be located near one another and near transit.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

12.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Avery and seconded by David Dubois. Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ty Warner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ty Warner AICP
Staff Liaison to the Land Use Committee

Notes compiled with the help of Erin Aleman