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Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2008

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, Judy Beck, Robert Cole, Roger Dahlstrom, David Dubois, Karie Friling, David Galowich, Jim LaBelle, Kenneth Marabella (for Jerry Conrad), Ed Paesel, Robert Palmer, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Smith, Karen Stonehouse, Heather Tabbert, Kai Tarum, Nathaniel Werner Norm West,

Members Absent:

Sam Assefa, Michael Davidson, James Peters, Tim Savage, Nancy Williamson

CMAP Staff Present:

Ty Warner (staff liaison to the Committee), Erin Aleman, Randy Blankenhorn, Bob Dean, Don Kopec, Jon Hallas, Kerry Leigh, Roseann O'Laughlin, Stephen Ostrander, Russell Pietrowiak, aul Reise, Joy Schaad, Gordon Smith, Diana Torres, Andrew Williams-Clark

Others Present:

Anja Claus and Paul Heltne, Center for Humans & Nature; Tam Kutzmark, DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference; Mike Walczak, Northwest Municipal Conference

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 19, 2008

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 19th meeting, as presented, was made by Ed Paesel and seconded by Robert Palmer. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Legislative Update

There were no legislative updates.

5.0 Go To 2040 Plan:

5.1 Snapshot on Aging

Russell Pietrowiak, CMAP Staff, gave a presentation on the snapshot report on Aging. This snapshot takes a look at baseline demographics and issues (both current and emerging) that are relevant to this population. The presentation looks at the impacts of land use, social implications, transportation, economics and demographics on an aging population. The majority of the oldest people, 75 years and older, live in the inner-ring suburbs. Although, the senior population is pretty evenly spilt, with one-third in the city of Chicago, one-third in the suburbs of Chicago/Cook County and one-third live in the collar counties.

Judy Beck noted that CMAP should look at the park districts' senior centers and special recreation districts which have been very successful. Glenview has an organization with 2000 seniors that can serve as a model on getting transportation to them.

David Galowich said ULI has been studying this as well, and it is important to highlight the fact that this new generation of aging people from the Baby Boomer generation is very different from the Eisenhower retirees, in that they typically don't want to live in a retirement setting, they don't consider themselves "retired" as early, and they are also not as prepared because they are not saving as well.

There were general discussion about issues that often go unaccounted for, such as grandparents taking care of grandchildren and dependence of elderly on their own adult children, but at this time there isn't enough data on these issues. Other concerns are that township data is generally under-reported and difficult to get to come to the table.

Pietrowiak pointed out that Pace service is not plentiful in the suburbs, and dial-a-ride and paratransit are constrained. Ride DuPage and Ride Kane are two examples indicating a trend in coordination of services.

There was further discussion about affordable housing related to density, and Roger Dahlstrom stressed that there could be real impacts on the housing market with the number of people growing older.

Jim LaBelle asked what the 2040 Plan would look like if aging was a key theme? Bob Dean said that this snapshot and the Human Services Committee can help us give more emphasis to aging population needs for the Plan.

5.2 Regional Indicators Development

Andrew Williams-Clark asked the committee for feed-back on the initial list of indicators that the committee started last meeting, and showed where the comments from the last meeting were incorporated into the list. The committee better defined some of the indicators that they had developed and added to other topic areas.

6.0 Committee Charge

The discussion on the committee charge was tabled, as a revision has not yet been completed. Mark Avery will send the committee a new draft when available.

7.0 Hyde Park Technical Assistance

Erin Aleman and Stephen Ostrander reported on the upcoming May 3rd event they are working on for the Hyde Park community. If committee members knew of experts that would like to participate they should contact either Erin or Stephen.

8.0 DRI Process Update

At the last subcommittee meeting the members brought lists of projects they believed might be able to be considered DRIs along with their rationale for their submittals. The committee is working on gaining some consensus of what might be considered a DRI from this list. From here the list will be passed on to the Programming Committee.

There was some discussion around sprawling developing happening piece by piece. The Committee felt that the *Go To 2040* Plan should help address this problem; since the DRI language is informational and not regulatory, it is difficult for the DRI process to address the occurrence of this larger regional issue.

9.0 Other Business

Ty Warner announced that the first Planning Commissioner Training workshop set was held in South Cook and had nearly 70 citizen planning commissioners in attendance. He gave a brief overview of the content of the workshops and relayed the dates scheduled for bringing this to other parts of the region.

Kerry Leigh announced that the Lake Michigan Watershed Academy will be May 20th through 22nd, 2008. The second Innovation & Integration Summit summary is available to read, and also the annual watershed report has also been released.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Land Use Committee is May 21st, 2008. (It was acknowledged that the Lake Michigan Watershed Academy Conference will also be taking place during this time.)

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 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, Committee Liaison