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Human and Community Development Committee Minutes 11/14/2011

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

Committee Members Sheri Cohen, Co-Chair

Present:

Jay Ciavarella
Laurie Dittman
Kathleen Fernicola
Kate Galbraith
Jennifer Hirsch
Grace Hou
Brian Inman
Ngoan Le, Co-Chair
Rene Luna
Walter Meyers
Greg Polman
Jay Readey
Laura Schneider
Janna Stansell
Jan Ward

Staff Present: Drew Williams-Clark, Liaison
Bob Dean

1.0 Call to Order

Committee Co-Chair, Ngoan Le, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No changes were made to the agenda.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – 09/12/2011

Jan Ward moved to approve the September minutes without revision. Laura Schneider seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4.0 Co-Chair Report: Updates from Regional and Local Coordinating Committees

Tammy Wierciak was unavailable for a regional coordinating committee report. Ngoan

Le reported highlights from the Local Coordinating Committee as follow. Allison Milld gave an overview on the Homes for a Changing Region project as part of the Local Technical Assistance Program. CMAP staff presented a recommendation to consolidate the CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program and RTA Community Planning Program into a single application process. The application will remain relatively simple, but ask for more detail than in the previous LTA application. CMAP staff anticipate that the next round of applications will be available in May and due in August of 2012. Committee members were encouraged to help spread the word when materials are available. There was also an update on CMAP grants for technical assistance. Randy Blankenhorn briefed the Local Coordinating Committee on the legislative effort to continue support for the Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI). He also updated the committee on the status of all LTA projects.

5.0 Go To 2040 Implementation Report

The implementation of GO TO 2040 has been CMAP's principal focus over the past year, and will continue to be for the foreseeable future as well. In November CMAP will begin writing a report describing actions that have taken place over the past year that advance the implementation of GO TO 2040. It is expected that this report will provide the basis for an annual report on plan implementation, which will help to demonstrate continued progress in moving the plan forward. Committee members received copies of the draft report outline and an informational memo a week in advance of the meeting. Bob Dean gave an overview of the effort and asked committee members for suggestions of external partner work that could be included as plan implementation activities. Janna Stansel identified the AHEC...Grace HOU mentioned that the work of the Anti Hunger Coalition might be notable. Ngoan Le suggested citing the interjurisdictional work going on around the region under efficient governance recommendations. Jay Ready and Walter Meyers mentioned that much health and human services work takes place at the non-profit level, which should be identified. Bob Dean asked committee members to submit additional suggestions to Drew Williams-Clark via email by Friday, November 18th.

6.0 Local Technical Assistance Program – Norridge Comprehensive Plan

Bob Dean gave an overview of the ongoing LTA project to develop a comprehensive plan for the Village of Norridge. A PowerPoint presentation was distributed among committee members a week in advance of the meeting. The community has a large senior population (29%), a larger percentage than the region as a whole. So, the plan will frame many of its recommendations in terms of aging in place, as well as attracting new residents. The vast majority of the village's land use is taken up by single family housing. The other dominant land use in Norridge is the Harlem Irving Plaza (HIP), one of the region's oldest retail sites that is now an indoor mall. The village is located adjacent to a Cook County forest preserve, but there is not a lot of green space within it. Residents have good transit access with bus routes to Metra and CTA. They also have relatively good pedestrian facilities except around the HIP. Committee members felt that the village would need to help residents find opportunities to modify homes so that they can age in place. Also, they emphasized the importance of preserving those modifications after resale. Others noted that school capacity would be important to address in order to attract new families. Several committee members provided input on outreach for the plan effort. They felt that intergenerational outreach and working with existing organizations that support seniors:

Mather Live Way, Department on Aging, Retirement Research Foundation, Age Options, Council for Jewish Elderly and other faith based organizations. Finally, committee members felt that research should be done to understand the culture of the village.

7.0 Model Plans and Ordinances Program – Local Food

CMAF is in the process of developing several model ordinances and tool kits for use by municipalities. These will provide guidance as to how they can implement policies recommended by GO TO 2040. Lori Heringa (CMAF Staff) provided an introduction and overview of the Local Food Model Ordinance project. Committee members referenced existing tools that should be consulted during development. They expressed concern about the high cost of organic foods and the disparity that arises as a result. Members thought that including food assistance programs, such as WIC and SNAP, in the report would help. Members who represent public health departments noted that they have been working with the retail merchants association to provide trainings on safe food handling. Committee members were encouraged to email Drew Williams-Clark with additional suggestions, but that this topic would be revisited at subsequent meetings.

8.0 Member Updates

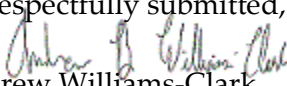
Jennifer Hirsch noted that the Policy Link equity summit theme was “equity is the superior growth model.” The Field Museum will have documents on climate change in the windy city and the world (www.climatechicago.fieldmuseum.chicago.org). Grace Hou noted that, in regards to the State of Illinois’ Department of Human Services, the General Assembly did not act during veto session, so a meeting would take place the Monday after Thanksgiving. The governor has issued his re-balancing vision, which includes downsizing state operational centers.

9.0 Next Meeting

The Human and Community Development Committee will meet on Monday, December 12th.

10.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Williams-Clark
Committee Liaison

12/05/2011