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Human and Community Development Committee

Minutes

Monday April 9, 2012 10:00 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:

Jennifer Clary* (Heartland Alliance), Jay Ciavarella* (Regional Transportation Authority), Sheri Cohen (Chicago Department of Public Health) and Ngoan Le (Chicago Community Trust), Co-Chairs, Laurie Dittman (City of Chicago), Tom Galassini* (United Way of Metro Chicago), Jennifer Hirsch (Field Museum), Mary Keating* (DuPage County), Walter Meyers* (Northeastern Illinois Area on Aging), Janna Stansell* (HMPRG), Jan Ward (Kane/Kendall COM) and Tammy

Wierciak* (WCMC).

* indicates attended by phone/webinar

Staff Present: Shafaq Choudry, Bob Dean, Kristin Ihnchak, Andrew Williams-

Clark (Liaison)

Others Present: Delia Smiles (IDOT), Lillian Lahr (CTA)

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Local Technical Assistance Program Update

4.1 Village of Norridge Comprehensive Plan

Bob Dean provided an overview of the draft comprehensive plan that CMAP staff have prepared for the Village of Norridge. Important factors revealed

during analysis of existing conditions included an aging population and strongly separated land uses dominated by the presence of retail (the Harlem Irving Plaza). The draft plan recommends creating a mixed use, walkable town center east of Harlem. It also calls for additional multifamily or townhome units, gradual conversion of some housing units into neighborhood-oriented retail, improving pedestrian access along Harlem and policies that allow seniors to age in place. These include supporting localized healthcare and social services. Committee members advised including language that characterizes seniors as assets and links them to volunteer opportunities in the village, including intergenerational services that would support local schools. If adopted, a subsequent step would be to seek engineering solutions that would not increase congestion along Harlem, but address the issue of pedestrian access.

4.2 Village of Park Forest Sustainability Plan

Kristin Ihnchak presented analysis and recommendations of the draft Sustainability Plan that CMAP has developed for Park Forest. The village has a large stock of cooperative housing units and a diverse population. The plan focuses on environmental issues, performance measures and implementation, including monitoring and accountability. It is organized into fourteen key topic areas that fall under the three broad categories of environment, economy and equity. Several of these recommendations include indicators for monitoring performance of implementation. The process utilized a web based tool for resident participation called Metro Quest. Committee members advised staff to strengthen the connections between the environment and health outcomes. They also appreciated that the online tool helped residents to understand the tradeoffs in terms of cost and benefits.

5.0 CMAP Work Plan

Bob Dean led a discussion of the work plan that CMAP staff are currently developing for the agency. He focused on aspects of the plan that seemed most relevant to the HCD Committee specifically. Staff feels that it is more productive to have multiple discussions about a few specific projects than attempting to cover every single project. In the coming year, CMAP hopes to incorporate a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) into an LTA project. These tools look at the broad impact of one project on quality of life. Staff have not worked on such an assessment as of yet. Kane County is looking into that now, so ideally a representative will attend a later meeting to go over that methodology. Staff hopes to incorporate HIA into the Green Healthy Chicago Neighborhoods project. Another major item on the work plan that makes sense to come before the HCD Committee is the fair housing evaluation. Committee members were interested in the HIA work and reiterated interest in discussing transportation for elderly and disabled residents. Staff will endeavor to find out how the committee can be more involved with RTA and Pace planning strategies, as these are the agencies in charge of that kind of transportation planning. Committee members also asked to be involved in the Cultural Vitality Indicators and Arts and Culture Planning Toolkit projects.

6.0 Other Business

None

7.0 Updates

Jennifer Hirsch provided an update on the Field Museum's involvement in resident engagement around the City of Chicago's Climate Action Plan and the Chicago Wilderness' Climate Action Plan for Nature. They were able to leverage Boeing funding to turn research into tools and projects. CMAP has been a partner and this was highlighted in the implementation report. Jennifer will email members an invitation to the toolkit presentation at 10:00 am at May 1.

Bob Dean provided an update on the first LTA Ideas Exchange event, which will take place on May 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the UBS Tower (1 N Wacker Drive, 2nd Floor). In addition to highlighting accomplishments and lessons learned in the program's inaugural year, this special event will be an opportunity for attendees to discuss the next LTA call for projects and additional grant funding opportunities. Elected officials, municipal planners, and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend. Space is limited, so please register by visiting http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/lta/exchange/registration.

Sheri Cohen provided an update on the Healthy Chicago Public Agenda. The City of Chicago is working with the New Communities Project (LISC) to identify local ordinances and system changes to forward the twelve priority areas. Within the department, they have also identified areas for change.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment

9.0 Next Meeting

The committee meets next on May 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber & William Clark

Andrew Williams-Clark, Committee Liaison