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Economic Development Committee

DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

9:00 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:

Patrick Carey (Cook County), Joanna Greene (Chicago Cook Partnership), Reggie Greenwood (South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association), Emily Harris (Metropolis Strategies), Mary Beth Marshall (DuPage Workforce Investment Board), Lance Pressl (Institute for Work and the Economy), Jeremiah Boyle (Chicago Federal Reserve), Ed Sitar (ComEd), Carrie Thomas (Chicago Jobs Council)

Staff Present:

Garett Ballard-Rosa, Alex Beata, Liz Schuh, Rabdy Deshazo, Lindsey Hollander, Annie Byrne

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice Chair, Patrick Carey

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Economic Development Incentives Research Update, Lindsay Hollander, CMAP

CMAP staff Lindsay Hollander presented an update on the research being conducted on economic development incentives, a project that emerged from a recommendation from the Regional Tax Policy Task Force. A broad list of development projects in the metropolitan Chicago that received locally-based incentives was assembled by S.B. Friedman, who is under contract with CMAP for this project. From this list, CMAP picked 50 case studies for further research: 20 sales tax rebates, 20 TIF projects, 5 property tax abatements, and 5 Cook County incentive class properties. The final report will be completed in July. Committee member asked for future updates and for opportunities to be part of discussions regarding the impact of incentives in distressed communities.

4.0 Regional Economic Development: Priority Projects

The committee heard presentations on the major economic development plans and initiatives currently underway and the priorities moving forward. The first presentation was from Shaina Doar representing World Business Chicago. Ms. Doar provided an overview of the current status of the implementation of the Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs. Teams for each of the 10 strategies have been assembled and the activities and focus of each team were described. The second presentation was from Herman Brewer of Cook County. Mr. Brewer described the County's Partnering for Prosperity Economic Growth Action Agenda. The focus of this agenda and its Council of Economic Advisors overlaps with the Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs. The leadership of this initiative is now focused on what tools and resources should be utilized to move forward. The third presentation was from Greg Humml on the Tri-State Alliance, which is focused on the outcomes of the OECD Tri-State review. The main priorities over the next six months include firming the leadership and organizational structure and beginning deep dives into smaller geographies on each of the five themes of the OECD report. The group will be working to develop partnerships with leaders of current initiatives as well as working on a policy level. The final presentation was from CMAP Deputy Chief of Staff Matt Maloney. Mr. Maloney described the agency's priorities regarding its work related to the Human Capital chapter of GO TO 2040. Over the next year, staff will complete an issue brief examining the nexus between the freight and manufacturing cluster, conduct industry cluster sub-regional analyses, examine state and regional economic development policies, complete a third industry cluster drill-down report, and pursue additional economic indicator development. Staff will also explore the establishment of a Regional Freight Authority.

Each speaker fielded questions from committee members, and committee members suggested these types of presentations from each county and improve sharing information between the counties.

5.0 June Meeting at Argonne

The committee was reminded that the June meeting would be a special session at Argonne and would require committee members to help plan. Several committee members volunteered to be on the planning group and will convene off-line and provide an update to the committee at their next meeting.

5.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

6.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

7.0 Next Meeting

The committee will meet next on May 28, 2013 at CMAP.

8.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annie Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Annie Byrne
Committee Liaison

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