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Economic Development Committee

DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

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:

Jerry Weber (College of Lake County), Peter Creticos (Institute for Work and the Economy), JoAnn Eckmann (World Business Chicago), Emily Harris (Metropolis Strategies), Bret Johnson (Northwestern University), Gretchen Kosarko (RW Ventures), Dennis Marin (City of Evanston), MaryBeth Marshall (DuPage Workforce Board), Lance Pressl (Institute for Work and the Economy), Ed Sitar (ComEd), Carrie Thomas (Chicago Jobs Council)

Staff Present:

Garett Ballard-Rosa, Simone Weil, Nicole Woods, and Annie Byrne

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chair, Jerry Weber

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-October 23, 2012

The minutes of the October 23, 2012 meeting were approved, as presented.

4.0 Local Technical Assistance Project Update: Morton Grove

CMAP staff and Committee member Carrie Thomas provided an overview of the Local Technical Assistance Project in Morton Grove. The project includes an economic and workforce assessment of Morton Grove's Industrial Areas. Staff presented maps of land use, highlighting industrial corridors and employment statistics within these corridors.

The project is also examining the key occupational groups related to manufacturing and wholesale trade and the workforce development landscape serving this area.

5.0 South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium

Manager of the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC), Genny Boesen, presented an overview of the SMHEC, including its history and objectives. The SMHEC includes 12 colleges and universities and is focused on facilitating coordination between institutions and optimizing resources. One recent initiative is to allow for “reverse transfers” which would allow four-year university credits to be applied to associates degrees. The SMHEC is interested in becoming more involved in regional economic development activities and asked committee members for input on how this group could contribute to economic development initiatives. The committee provided several ideas, including becoming involved in entrepreneurship programs, connecting to the County Chairs, and becoming involved in the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity’s Learning Exchanges.

6.0 Metropolitan Economic Growth Alliance (MEGA) Initiatives

Committee member Ed Sitar presented an overview of Metropolitan Economic Growth Alliance and its current focus. The group includes 12 economic development groups across northeastern Illinois and works to foster trust and enhance coordination around shared goals and common regional issues. The group shares best practices and works to promote the region and attract businesses.

7.0 Economic Development Committee Member Survey

Committee chair Jerry Weber presented the idea to conduct a survey of committee members to gauge committee members’ perspective on future meeting formats and topics. Several example questions were discussed and it was agreed the committee would be surveyed and results would be discussed at the next meeting.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

10.0 Next Meeting

The committee will not meet in December. The committee meets next on January 22, 2013.

11.0 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 extending to the right.

Annie Byrne
Committee Liaison

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