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# Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes January 26<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am DuPage County Conference Room

Members Present: Ivan Baker, Consuella Brown, Bill Browne, Lori Clark, Grant Davis, JoAnn Eckmann, John Greuling, Rand Haas, Judith Kossy, Charles Perkins, Harry Pestine, John Schneider, Gary Skoog, Ed Sitar

Members Absent: Tracey Bosman, Thomas Gary, Robert Gleeson, Robin Kelly, Angie Powell

**Staff Present:** Brett Baden, Randy Blankenhorn, Annie Byrne, Bob Dean, Bola Delano, Matthew Maloney and Brian Rademacher

Others Present: Annette Charles, Jonathan Tremper

#### 1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

#### 2.0 Welcome and Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

## 3.0 Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Gary Skoog and seconded by JoAnn Eckmann.

#### 4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

#### 5.0 Staff Report

Staff reported that CMAP in partnership with IDC, APA and ILCMA held a panel discussion on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Over one hundred economic developers, planners, and municipal managers attended a discussion on effective marketing techniques and how to market your community during tough economic times. Other technical assistance events being planned include a Grants Academy Workshop which will focus on federal grants and will be an interactive exercise on how to write a successful grant. This is scheduled for March 19<sup>ta</sup> and will be held at the ComEd Facility in Oakbrook. Information about this event will be made available at the February meeting.

#### 6.0 Chairman Report

The chairman presented a proposed work plan for the committee. The work plan includes: 1) providing feedback on GO TO 2040 planning efforts and related reports. 2) Holding innovation Focus Groups to further define regional innovation and how the region can better support innovation. 3) Receive updates on events and progress made by the Technical Assistance Unit and provide ideas and feedback to help the unit be more effective in its efforts. John Grueling reiterated that the work plan was designed to relate to the activities of the plan as it moves forward. One of the topics which were of importance to members was Innovation. Randy Blankenhorn welcomed all the efforts that members were committed to, but cautioned them that there was a timeline by which all responses had to be completed. John Grueling acknowledged this and encouraged members that despite the time constraints it was important that members provide feedback on these issues. As a result members agreed to form a working group to provide feedback on the report and develop a time-line to ensure that they completed the task to comment on papers as well as coordinate meetings with companies to get a feel of what innovation meant to the private sector. It was agreed to hold the meeting on Monday, February 8th at 1:00pm at the CMAP offices. Staff will send out further information in the following week.

### 7.0 *GOTO* 2040 Update

**7.1** Staff presented a draft outline of the final process to complete the comprehensive plan; this consisted of various reports focusing on existing conditions, recommendations, outcomes, and priorities. At each monthly meeting members will be asked to assist by reviewing and providing feedback on topics related to economic development. The existing conditions chapter on the economy will be reviewed by the committee in February while other chapters will be made available for the next three months. A section of recommendations will be presented that will identify, prioritize and describe major capital projects. The committee will review the major capital projects in March and April.

The committee was concerned that there was not enough time to review and comment on all the material outlined in two meetings. Staff reiterated that the next four meetings will be devoted to these topics .Members made a request to receive notices when chapters of the plan are available so as to be able to provide feedback. Judith Kossy asked how the final plan will differ from the preferred scenario. Staff responded that the directions and concepts from the preferred scenario remain the same while the final plan will provide extensive detail on priorities and recommendations. Harry Pestine expressed concern that the preferred scenario did not have language related to financing of economic development and recommended that the topic be included in the final document. John Grueling suggested that the policy recommendations should also consider mechanisms that might be available in the future. The chairman concluded the meeting by requesting an updated list of topics to be covered over the next five

committee meetings. He asked members to provide feedback on topics as soon as possible.

#### 8.0 Regional Freight System Planning Recommendation

Staff presented an update on the Freight System Planning Recommendations Project being done by Cambridge Systematics. The project will prepare recommendations and estimates of impacts for consideration and inclusion in GO TO 2040 regional comprehensive plan. Through stakeholder input and data collection the report identifies some issues relative to our region including freight flow forecasts, congestion and safety, and design conducive to freight and person movement. Through this process a series of draft policy recommendations were developed related to the economy, industry logistics patters, freight infrastructure, commodity/vehicle traffic flows, organization and public policy, and environmental community impacts. Committee members were encouraged to review detailed information available on the CMAP website: http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/cmp/freightsystem.aspx.

The committee thanked staff for the presentation and look forward to future updates as the recommendations and report progress.

#### 9.0 Upcoming Regional Events

No upcoming regional events were highlighted during the meeting.

## 10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on **Tuesday**, **February 23**, **2010 at 9:00am** in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher Staff Liaison

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