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## Human and Community Development Committee

Annotated Agenda

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

**Austin Coming Together**

5049 W. Harrison St.

Chicago, Illinois

- 1.0 **Call to Order** 10:00 a.m.
- 2.0 **Agenda Changes and Announcements**
- 3.0 **Approval of Minutes – [August 6, 2019](#)**  
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 4.0 **Austin Coming Together**  
Committee member Darnell Shields, Executive Director at Austin Coming Together, will provide an introduction to Austin Coming Together and to the Austin Community Area. Austin Coming Together’s mission is to increase the collective impact of member organizations on improving education and economic development outcomes for the Austin community.  
ACTION REQUESTED: Information
- 5.0 **Central Avenue Corridor Plan (Austin)**  
CMAP and Austin Coming Together staff will share information on an ongoing Local Technical Assistance project in the Austin Community Area. The Central Avenue Corridor Plan is a direct result of the Austin Quality of Life Plan – pursuing the recommendation to redevelop the “Spine of Austin”. The corridor is defined as Central Avenue between Grand Avenue and Roosevelt Road, and the project will address: economic development initiatives, a workforce innovation center, improving transportation infrastructure, improving community and transportation safety, access and enhancement of local parks, and strategies to stabilize the housing market.  
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion
- 6.0 **Aspire Center for Workforce Innovation Project**  
Presenters will introduce a focal project of the Austin Quality of Life Plan: the redevelopment of the Robert Emmet Elementary

School -- a CPS school that closed in 2013 -- into The Aspire Center for Workforce Innovation. The site will be the first of its kind for the Austin community area, serving as a model for collective impact wherein various partners collaborate, intersect programmatic initiatives, and provide services to residents from one central location.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

#### **7.0 Avenues for Growth Plan (Belmont Cragin Commercial Corridors Plan)**

Project staff will present on an ongoing Local Technical Assistance Project in Belmont Cragin. The Avenues for Growth Plan (Belmont Cragin Commercial Corridors Plan) identifies strategies along major corridors, Diversey Avenue, Fullerton Avenue and Grand Avenue to: create local jobs, support small and locally-owned businesses, provide affordable housing options, improve public transportation, and increase access to public gathering places. The Plan explicitly pursues “development without displacement”.

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion

#### **8.0 Public Comment**

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair’s discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item of the agenda.

#### **9.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting date is December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10am.

#### **10.0 Adjournment**

12:00 p.m.