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Human and Community Development Committee

Draft Minutes

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois 60606

Committee Members Present: Dasha Arias, Sheri Cohen, Laurie Dittman, Leslie Edstrom*, Jacky Grimshaw, Tiffany McDowell, Jackie Forbes, Joan Fox, Hanna Kite, Enrique Salgado, Raj Shah, Dominic Tocci

(*indicates via phone)

Others Present: Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Alicia Bunton, Stephanie Levine, Megan Napierkowski*, Greg Polman*, Thomas Rickert

Staff Present: Kelwin Harris, Erin Kenney, Stephanie Levine, Simone Weil

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Sheri Cohen, committee co-chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

- Kelwin Harris shared that a Thank You letter was to go out to Jennifer Becker for her long-standing service to the committee.
- Kelwin Harris shared that the committee's comments on ON TO 2050 were addressed in the [ON TO 2050 Public Comment Appendix](#) and logged in the [ON TO 2050 Public Comment Summary and Response Log](#).

3.0 Approval of Minutes – [August 7, 2018](#)

Minutes were unanimously approved.

4.0 CMAP New Committee Structure

Stephanie Levine described the new committee structure for this year including the single Coordinating Committee that reports to the CMAP Board with a representative from the Human and Community Development Committee (Sheri Cohen). Sheri asked if the committee make-up will be approved by the Executive Director? Stephanie said the

Executive Director would approve new members to simplify the confirmation process. Kelwin announced that Aseal Tineh will also be co-liaising the committee. Kelwin also shared that there is an opportunity for committee members to join other committees if there is interest. Dominic asked how members can learn about other committees? Kelwin said that all committee's are described on the CMAP website and that he is available to discuss further with anyone interested.

5.0 Committee Mission and Vision Discussion HCD Committee Members

Committee members divided into 4 tables and discussed revisions and updates to the committee vision and mission. Below is a summary of the discussion:

Table 1

Sheri – What is the Human part of the name? Is it representative of people in the region?
Tiffany – Shift from “Equal” to “Equitable”. Use empowerment language. Asset-side of oppression. Look at Systems Change.

Table 2

Jacky talked about changing the name of the committee.
Megan suggested a possible mission statement: “The Human and Community Development Committee provides input to the regional plan “ON TO 2050” to ensure liveable communities are inclusive of all the residents of the region with an emphasis on disenfranchised populations.”
Laurie said the word, “Vulnerability” has a stigma that we need to avoid.

Table 3

Raj said to put a period after “Assets” without the full list of items.
Hanna said look at recruiting new members from asset-building organizations.

Table 4

Thomas said that CMAP is the creator of the regional vision. He shared that the second paragraph in the mission is redundant. He asked, if what we do doesn't transform communities then what are we doing?
Enrique said that for the most part, the committee has been used to react to work. We should define what is “vulnerable”?

Table 5 (guests)

Alicia said we should look at metrics and benchmarking.
Garland said to build partnerships with autism community like Autism Speaks Chicago.

6.0 Committee SWOT Exercise

The committee was asked to share Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. The following is a summary of what was shared:

Strengths

1. Diverse
2. Engaged
3. Willingness to be effective in communities
4. Committee is “hands-on”

Weaknesses

1. Getting full participation
2. Meetings always located downtown and gives advantage to downtown workers

Opportunities

1. Could benefit from more public/private engagement

Threats

1. Being held accountable for implementing
2. Ability to show measurable outcomes

7.0 Disinvested Areas

Erin Kenney shared progress of strategies to promote reinvestment in disinvested areas. Sheri Cohen asked, does greenfields refer to development on outer edge as opposed to urban infill? Jacky Grimshaw asked what happens to farmers when development takes over agricultural land. Kelwin shared that agriculture is also moving into urban areas. Alicia Burton suggested considering hydroponics. Enrique recommended calling out population shifts in clusters within the region. Tiffany asked if discrimination gets reflected? She also recommended identifying where predatory lending is happening. Sheri Cohen shared that an obvious barrier as to why development isn't taking place in these areas is racism. Enrique Salgado added that tax policy and properties being incorrectly assessed also contributes to disinvested areas. Hanna Kite recommended looking at the suburbanization of poverty. Heather Armstrong shared there is a lack of development suitable for people with autism and disabilities.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 9th 2019 at 10am at **Google, 320 N. Morgan Street.**

9.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelwin Harris, Committee Liaison