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Human and Community Development Committee

Draft Minutes

Tuesday, August 6, 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: Sheri Cohen, Laurie Dittman, Jackie Forbes, Joan Fox*, Kendra Freeman, Jacky Grimshaw, Hanna Kite, Tiffany McDowell, Greg Polman*, Olatunji Oboi Reed, Enrique Salgadam Jr.*, Raj Shah, Rosalie Shemmer, Darnell Shields, Janna Simon*, Dominic Tocci, William Towns

(*indicates via phone)

Others Present: None.

Staff Present: Kelwin Harris, Aseal Tineh, Kendra Kuehlem, Austen Edwards, Matthew Stern, Stephanie Levin, Kristin Ihnchak, Jane Grover, Kathleen Lane, Laurent Ahiablame, Lindsay Hollander, Lindsay Bayley, Katanya Raby, Erin Aleman, Patrick Day, Maggie Jarr, Katie Piotrowska

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Sheri Cohen, committee co-chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

CMAP's new Executive Director Erin Aleman introduced herself to the committee and stressed the importance and critical role of the committee for the agency.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – [April 9, 2019](#)

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting was made, seconded, and carried.

4.0 Population growth in the CMAP region

Aseal Tineh, CMAP Staff

Aseal presented CMAPs work on population trends highlighting the disproportionate departure of African-American residents from the Chicago region. William Towns asked if we know what neighborhoods residents are predominantly leaving? He also asked if there's growth anywhere without an increase in the white population? Hanna Kite asked about figures on the Asian population and if the residents leaving Chicago are moving to the South Suburbs? Aseal responded that many Black residents did not have jobs when they left and that many left the entire Chicago and CMAP regions.

5.0 Embedded Staff Planner Program

Maggie Jarr and Patrick Day, CMAP Staff

Maggie and Patrick discussed CMAPs pilot initiative to place CMAP staff in communities on selected days of the week to support local planning and build capacity. Current locations are Calumet Park and Sauk Village. Laurie Dittman asked how communities get selected. Raj Shah asked what are the indicators of success? Maggie and Patrick shared that the need is far greater than the two communities they are currently in. Kendra Freeman asked what is the low-hanging fruit and early wins from the pilot? Rosalie Shemmer asked how involved are small businesses? William Towns asked about some of the experiences so far. Patrick mentioned that the initial successes have been integrating more with municipal staff and being recognized at village board meetings. Sheri Cohen asked about ways to track success? Jacky Grimshaw asked if CMAP is applying for funding to expand this program?

6.0 Best practices for local economic development incentives

Lindsay Hollander CMAP Staff

Lindsay discussed new CMAP research on the impacts of incentives, like tax abatements, on community development goals. Tiffany McDowell stressed approaching the work through an equity lens and asked if there is a particular municipality of interest. William Towns mentioned that he is a member of a Cook County finance sub-committee looking at similar issues and offered to share information. Jacky Grimshaw asked about the final product and timeline. Lindsay expressed that the final product will be a guide book. Sheri Cohen asked about best practices between rural and urban conditions. Oboi Reed asked how do we ensure incentives don't contribute to gentrification. Raj Shah mentioned addressing companies who use incentives to exploit towns and leave. Dominic Tocci mentioned making sure CMAP looks at tax rate variations.

7.0 Sidewalk Inventory

Lindsay Bayley, CMAP Staff

Lindsay Bayley described CMAP work on producing an inventory of sidewalks in the CMAP region. Laurie Dittman asked why accessibility was not considered. William Towns asked if CMAP also does an inventory of bike paths and if we know how much it costs to produce additional sidewalks. Oboi referenced a case study in Riverdale along 130th street where people like Dolores Lucas have been advocating for more sidewalks in their

community. He also mentioned that Vision Zero is still using a law enforcement strategy over prioritizing infrastructure. He asked where do we go from here? Lindsay responded that telling similar stories and cases is helpful. She also mentioned that it's valuable to also take elected officials to places that lack sidewalks to make the case. Janna Simon mentioned there is funding associated with the Rebuild Illinois capital bill for walking and bike infrastructure. Hanna Kite asked how crossings are integrated into the data. Jacky Grimshaw asked if IDOT can provide information on where new roads are. Lindsay said that CMAP works with a company that uses photographic information. Darnell Shields asked if structural divides are taken into account, like railroad tracks. Jacky asked if CMAP is going to include crash and fatality rates. Lindsay said that we're not sure if we can share crash data from IDOT. Raj Shah recommended the work be incorporated with other data sets.

8.0 Committee Mission and Vision

Kelwin Harris, CMAP Staff and Committee

Kelwin Harris reviewed the committee's revisions to the mission and vision. He showed the committee that their most recent revision was placed on the [Committee web page](#) and also used on CMAP's [Community Development page](#). Darnell suggested the word "economic development" be used more explicitly. Laurie Dittman suggested "equity" be used in the title. Rosalie Shemmer suggested the vision start with "social mobility". She and William mentioned that references to "family" could be less inclusive. William also suggested that the vision be more succinct. Sheri suggested using "community members" because it's more inclusive than "residents". Oboi offered a definition of equity that prioritizes resources for those who need it most. He urged CMAP to clearly state "racial equity". Sheri suggested CMAP use language that considers "anti-racist" policies.

Kelwin ended by thanking the committee for their service and commitment to racial equity. He mentioned that this would be his last meeting as CMAP staff and that he will be leaving CMAP and moving to the Cook County Assessor's Office as Director of Outreach and Engagement.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 8th 2019 at 10am.

11.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aseal Tineh, Committee Liaison