



Land Use Working Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Cook County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois

LUC Members Present: Heather Tabbert (Co-Chair), Drew Awsumb, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Colin Duesing (for Curt Paddock), Paul Rickelman, Andrew Szwak, Nancy Williamson.

LUC Members Absent: Matthew Asselmeier, Dionne Baux, Judy Beck, Susan Campbell, Lisa DiChiera, Paul Hoss, Johanna Leonard, Arnold Randall, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Smith, Mark VanKerkhoff (Co-Chair), Eric Waggoner, Nathaniel Werner, Ruth Wuorenma.

Staff Present: Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Noah Boggess, Noel Peterson, Aseal Tineh.

Others Present: Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong (Access Living); Udit Molakatalla (Lochmueller Group); Allison Buchwach (Metra).

1.0 Call to Order

Heather Tabbert called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

Stephen Ostrander welcomed new committee member Andrew Szwak, representing Openlands.

3.0 Approval of meeting minutes of September 20, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes of September 20 was made by Paul Rickelman and seconded by Kristi DeLaurentiis; all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 ON TO 2050: Placemaking snapshot draft – Noah Boggess, CMAP

The CMAP staff are currently finalizing the Placemaking snapshot to inform ON TO 2050. The project is in its final phase; currently the project team is

revising the final document based on revisions from the advisory group. Noah presented the [draft document](#) including case studies and recommendations, followed by discussion and feedback from the Land Use Committee.

A committee member mentioned that Plainfield did a lot of streetscape improvements in 2009, including bump-outs to slow traffic. Another committee member added that they also rerouted Route 30, which was a big deal. Another member observed that considering all that had to be done, it was very impressive, especially given all of the challenges that the project faced.

This last committee member then noted that regarding “pop-up” Complete Streets installations, it would be helpful if CMAP could offer a whole suite of options.

Another member asked how long these “pop-up” installations typically stay up. Noah answered that usually they stay up for a weekend, but sometimes a full week or two.

An audience member asked whether CMAP had considered placemaking ideas specifically for the winter months. Noah responded that they had looked into this a bit, but welcomed suggestions and case studies. A member mentioned ice rinks. Another member suggested that CMAP should look into the past and current activities of the [Winter Cities Conference](#), which often focuses on how to make cities in colder climates fun and cool.

One committee member was reminded of placemaking work that was part of the MWRD’s design work in the Village of Robbins (which was presented to the CMAP Land Use Committee in January 2017).

Another committee member asked whether the snapshot would specify options for nonprofit involvement. Noah responded that it would.

Kristi DeLaurentiis noted that SSMMA has moved forward with its Complete Streets Plan, including providing guides on strategies and implementation for its communities, as well as model resolutions they can use.

Another member mentioned that he appreciated CMAP incorporating the notion of inclusive participation, and encouraged CMAP to also add support for “community-driven” processes.

- 5.0 ON TO 2050: Land Use Indicators Refinement Memo** – Noel Peterson, CMAP
- The ON TO 2050 indicators provide performance measures to benchmark our progress on plan implementation. Noel discussed efforts underway to refine indicators established in the GO TO 2040 Plan Update, and presented a proposed set of land use indicators, as

summarized in a [memo](#).

A member questioned the appropriateness of using the term “low-moderate income” in the memo and indicators. She added that she thought it was important to be able to look at different income groups within the overall group being analyzed. Noel confirmed that this will be possible.

Another member, following up on a clarification of “transit availability,” asked if CMAP was including anticipated projects. Noel responded that it was based on transit availability as of 2017.

A member asked if redundancy of transit access was built into the analysis. Noel replied that the travel model includes multiple transit options.

Another member wondered how CMAP planned to use the analysis of population/jobs with at least moderately high transit availability, saying that in the South Suburbs they have good access to transit but not to jobs. She added that from an advocacy standpoint, perhaps CMAP can emphasize that the area has good transit service, but now the area needs investment.

A member observed that he thought it would be interesting to look more closely at the role of suburban bus service and its influence on job and residency choices.

Another member agreed with others that tracking transit use dynamically would be helpful, especially when looking at questions of extension of transit service.

Two members both commented on the relative ease of finding workers near Metra, but difficulty doing so when dependent on suburban bus service.

A member mentioned that there is a need to underscore the future long-term costs of new infrastructure.

6.0 Other Business

Heather Tabbert announced that the RTA was about to release the [2018-2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan](#).

Stephen Ostrander announced that Nectarios Pittos had left his position with the Village of Orland Park for a position in Florida, and would therefore not be serving on the CMAP Land Use Committee.

Paul Rickelman thanked Stephen for organizing the committee's field trip in October to the Pullman National Monument and Method Soap Factory. Stephen noted that Lisa DiChiera was key to the National Park Service tour that anchored the committee's visit to the area.

7.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong from Access Living underscored the importance of CMAP incorporating the needs and input of the disability community into its planning work.

8.0 Next Meeting

With the committee not meeting in December (as per custom), the committee was scheduled to meet next on January 17, 2018.

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Ostrander, LUC Committee Liaison
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