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Land Use Working Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
DupPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

- Members Present:** Ed Paesel (Chair), Kristi DeLaurentiis, Kimberly Flom, Sean Glowacz (for Mark VanKerkhoff), David Husemoller (for Eric Waggoner), Steve Lazzara (for Curt Paddock), Tony Manno (for Heather Tabbert), Heather Smith, Todd Vanadilok, Norm West
- Members Absent:** Judy Beck, Robert Cole, Roger Dahlstrom, Lisa DiChiera, Sheena Frève, Dave Galowich (Vice-Chair), Arnold Randall, Dennis Sandquist, Nathaniel Werner, Nancy Williamson
- Staff Present:** Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Jesse Elam, Shafaq Choudry, Jason Navota, Elizabeth Schuh, Jacob Seid, Evelyn Zwiebach
- Others Present:** Perry Georgopoulos (Ginkgo Planning and Design), Mike Walczak (NWMC), Ferhat Zerín (Ginkgo Planning and Design)

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

Jesse Elam (CMAP) announced and passed out CMAP's new policy paper on stormwater management.

3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – November 28, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes of November 28, 2012, was made by Heather Smith and seconded by Kristi DeLaurentiis. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Illinois Route 53 Corridor Plan

Ferhat Zerin and Perry Georgopoulos from Ginkgo Planning and Design discussed their work on behalf of Will County in preparation of a multijurisdictional plan for a 25 mile stretch of Illinois Route 53, from Joliet to Braidwood, with the aim of creating a major tourism destination for the Chicago region. Their presentation is located [here](#).

The area is anchored by a wide variety of assets – historic Route 66, the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, the Chicagoland Speedway and Raceway, the country’s largest intermodal port, and historic downtowns and main streets.

The goal is to establish a strong and unified identity, a framework for connecting the destinations and opportunities for future developments. The intense outreach effort to date has garnered great support for the vision that this area could become a major weekend getaway destination for the Chicago region.

Kristi DeLaurentiis: You mentioned Route 66 destination apps [for use on smartphones] – are those already out there?

Zerin: Not yet for Route 66 in Illinois. We’re interested [in seeing] an app that lets people know what is on their route, possibly an app to scan [a code on a sign] to get information on each location.

Heather Smith: Is there any connection between the Joliet Jail (given the recent [CMAP/ULI Chicago] project there?

Zerin: [While the jail is located outside of the study area, we are keeping that nearby project in mind.]

Steve Lazzara: Kendall Jackson [planning director from the City of Joliet] is looking into that....

Ed Paesel: With Joliet as a hub of high speed rail [could that play a role?]

Zerin: We looking at how to allow people getting off of trains in Joliet [to have different transportation options, such as] zipcars, bike rental, or other transit.

Ed: Hundreds of thousands [of people] go to nearby casinos [have you considered how to connect to that?]

Perry: We were mainly focused on areas outside of Joliet [including its casino].

Perry: Also, there is the issue of people traveling on I-80, who don’t know there is anything to see other than Joliet.

Norm West: It might be wise to see Joliet and Manhattan as termini [of the Route 53 corridor], and focus on the transportation from those locations (to destinations such as Midewin Tallgrass PPrairie, etc.). Also, [you still have other assets along the route, such as] old mini-motels and historic hamburger stands.

Kimberly Flom: Since the focus is on tourism, have you engaged [state tourism agencies in Illinois]?

Steve: Yes, especially [organizations, agencies, etc.] on the Heritage Corridor.

Ryan Richter: Previously Metra looked at extending service; it might be helpful to look at that past work.

Zerin: We would be interested in talking to you.

5.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program: Village of Antioch Greenway Plan

Shafaq Choudry (CMAP) provided an overview of this project, designed to create a plan for a lifestyle corridor, a bicycle- and pedestrian oriented greenway that connects the community to local and regional destinations and trail networks. Her presentation is located [here](#).

[There were no questions.]

6.0 Other Business

Heather Smith announced and passed out details for the upcoming training session on urban street design, on February 7 and 8.

Ed Paesel invited other committee members and regular visitors [to recommend topics for the committee to address in future meetings].

Norm West said that he would be particularly interested in [learning more about implementation of past RTA-funded TOD plans]. [It was mentioned that Orland Park's recent activities of this kind would be an agenda item at a meeting of the Land Use Committee in the near future.]

Kristi DeLaurentiis announced that the Village of Lansing would be holding an open public meeting [related to the development of their comprehensive plan] at the end of the month. [This effort is receiving assistance from CMAP's LTA program.]

Ed Paesel requested that the committee have an overall update on which LTA projects are starting, which are finished, etc.

Steve Lazzara announced the installment of Ty Warner [who formerly staffed the Land Use Committee on behalf of CMAP] as the new Executive Director of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

7.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment

8.0 Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the CMAP Land Use Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elyse Ostler", written in a cursive style.

Committee Liaison

February 15, 2013