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Human and Community Development Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Via GoToMeeting

Committee Members Present:

Sheri Cohen (Chicago Department of Public Health), Jackie Forbes (Kane County Division of Transportation), Kendra Freeman (Metropolitan Planning Council), Joan Fox (DuPage County), Greg Polman (Chicago Lighthouse), Janna Simon (Illinois Public Health Institute), Tiffany McDowell, (Chicagoland Equity Network)

Others Present: Alicia Bunton

Staff Present:

Erin Aleman, Tina Fasset-Smith, Jane Grover, Timi Koyejo, Enrique Castillo, Stephanie Levine, Patrick Day, Tony Manno, Tim McMahon, Jane Grover, Simone Weil, Lily Neppel, Caitlin Goodspeed, Courtney Barnes, Beatrix Yan, Diana Martinez, Mat Stern, Catherine Kemp, Austen Edwards, Briana Gipson, Kathleen Lane,

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

Sheri Cohen announced the committee's two new CMAP staff liaisons, Timi Koyejo and Enrique Castillo.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the [February 4, 2020](#) meeting was made and seconded, but it was decided to postpone approval until the next committee meeting.

4.0 Committee Member Updates.

Committee members had a COVID-19 response and recovery discussion taking stock of impacts to better understand the emergent needs of member organizations and their

communities and how CMAP can best aid during this critical time. Discussion was structured around the following questions:

- What are the immediate needs/highest concerns faced by your stakeholders regarding COVID-19 and other recent events in our communities?
- How is your organization adjusting its community outreach in response to COVID-19 and what barriers and/or best practices have you come across for equitably engaging marginalized communities during this time?
- Are there activities your organization is involved in you would like to discuss with or make other members aware of?
- What other general trends are you observing?

Tiffany McDowell - YWCA influx of requests for help incorporate racial equity/justice and antiracism in their programming and with clients. YWCA Evanston Equity Institute works with municipalities, non- and for- profits, universities, etc. Trying to gauge where people want to be from work environment improvements to longer structural change. Interested in HCD working on long term racial justice and equity efforts together in a more coordinated fashion.

Janna Simon - Working on housing and homelessness. Food system and supply chain has been breaking down. Increased demand for local food. Food access has been challenging for communities. Trying to become more antiracist in organization and committed to health equity.

Kendra Freeman - Interested if anybody is doing work on food access - specifically south suburbs - outside of the city of Chicago. Also access to pharmacies. MPC has been trying to provide data and policy guidance and provide a long-term strategy for recovery that is centered in racial equity groups.

Janna Simon - Would be interesting to see how supply chain is connected across the region. Chicago food action policy institute would be the most in the know about this issue.

Jackie Forbes - Regional councils in Chicago area are holding call for projects to access federal funds. Yesterday heard that South Suburban communities are withdrawing project requests because they can't afford it.

Sheri Cohen - CDPH has been very active. Half are working on COVID-19 related activities and half are doing essential work (telehealth, STI testing, WIC). Working to get information on COVID-19 and testing out to communities. Working on contract tracing. Wanted to ask where air pollution hasn't improved. Thinking about freight and environmental impacts going forward.

Simone Weil - Provided an update on CMAP's ongoing work on freight and tracking air pollution with our partners. Will send a more comprehensive air quality piece that was done in April.

Janna Simon - CMAP should continue to do inclusive growth work.

Sheri Cohen - CMAP should also use a racial equity lens for policies that are put forth and recommended.

Greg Polman - Don't know if CMAP should revisit how transportation can be funded in the future. People with disabilities need to be considered when it comes to housing, infrastructure.

Janna Simon - Need to prepare for more active transportation, need to be able to keep people on buses and trains and not have everyone choose cars right now. Is this something CMAP could have a position on?

Sheri Cohen - CMAP's analysis and bringing resources to the committees would be helpful with this.

5.0 CMAP analysis of essential worker demographic

CMAP staff, Stephanie Levine, provided an overview of CMAP's analysis of essential worker demographics. Due to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 20-10, CMAP looked at the 12 broad occupations classified as essential workers in metropolitan Chicago to identify who these workers are and where they live. CMAP research shows that essential workers from disadvantaged communities—particularly people of color and those who live in low-income communities—are playing critical roles in providing healthcare and keeping the transportation, food supply, and other essentials systems functioning during this crisis. Understanding these trends highlights the need for collaborative efforts to address disparities in economic opportunity. This presentation can be found on the HCD [webpage](#).

6.0 CMAP Local Government Network

CMAP's Patrick Day and Timi Koyejo discussed the Local Government Network effort, the survey, and initial observations based on responses. CMAP, in partnership with the City of Chicago's Economic Recovery Taskforce Cook County, DuPage County, and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, conducted a survey about municipal needs, concerns, and anticipated COVID-19 impacts and expenditures. Primary takeaways from the survey include municipalities across the region are facing constrained costs and increased expenditures; the health and safety of riders is the main concern regarding transit; and support for small businesses and economic development is key for long-term regional recovery. The presentation can be found on the HCD [webpage](#).

7.0 Agency Announcements

CMAP is also excited to announce the Virtual Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) Summer Series. FLIP is CMAP's premier program for youth engagement, and this year FLIP will be held virtually via zoom video conferencing. We are currently seeking high school and college students in northeastern Illinois for this free summer leadership development series. Sessions will be held on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. CST from July 9th through August 6th. Students who complete all sessions will receive a FLIP certificate. Sessions topics include: planning for urban street festivals, the truth about drinking water, planning amid COVID-19, and inequalities in urban planning. To register, please visit cmap.is/FLIP2020. The registration will close on Tuesday, June 30th.

8.0 Other Business

9.0 Public Comment

No public comments sent in advance or received during the meeting.

10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting date is Tuesday August 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

11.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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