



**Joint Meeting: Housing and Human and Community Development Committees**

**Minutes**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

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

**Housing Committee Members Present:** Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Alan Banks, Allison Clements (co-chair), Jennifer Chan, Paul Colgan, Sarah Delgado (for Patricia Fron), Juliana Gonzalez-Crussi, Nancy Firfer (co-chair), Benjamin Fenton, Brian Hacker (for Michael Horsting) Valerie Kretchmer, Mike Scobey (for Sharon Gorrell), Geoff Smith (for Sarah Duda)

**Housing Committee Members Absent:** Rob Anthony, Rob Breymaier, Lakesha Brown, Adam Dontz, Richard Koenig, Christine Kolb, Rosa Ortiz, Art Zwemke

**Human and Community Development Committee Members Present:** Dasha Arias, Jennifer Becker, Aesha Binione (for Gina Massuda-Barnett), Sheri Cohen (co-chair), Michael Davidson (co-chair), Fluturi Demirovski, Tiffany Ford, Melody Geraci, Jacky Grimshaw, Eden Hurd, Joan Fox (for Mary Keating), Judy Lai, Tiffany McDowell, Greg Polman, Rah Shah, Dominic Tocci

**Human and Community Development Members Absent:** Chrissy Carlson, Eira Corral, Laurie Dittman, Kendra Freeman, Marla Fronczak, Judith Gethner, Joanna Greene, Sarah Hess, Michael Isaacson, Kirsten Peachy, Enrique Salgado, Laura Schneider, Darnell Shields, Janna Simon, William Towns

**Staff Present:** Noah Boggess, Enrique Castillo, Dijia Chen, Kelwin Harris, Ricardo Lopez, Elizabeth Scott, Emma Swanson, Andrew William-Clark

## **1.0 Call to Order**

Housing Committee co-chair Nancy Firfer and Human and Community Development Committee co-chair Sheri Cohen called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m.

## **2.0 Agenda Overview and Changes.**

Agenda Items 4.0 and 5.0 were reversed.

## **3.0 Approval of the Minutes: May 18, 2017**

A motion to adopt the Housing Committee minutes for July 20, 2017 was made and seconded. With no opposition, the motion carried.

A motion to adopt the Human and Community Development Committee minutes for July 10, 2017 was made and seconded. With no opposition, the motion carried.

## **4.0 Speaker | David Jacobs, Chief Scientist at the National Center for Healthy Housing**

Dr. David Jacobs presented on his research related to health and housing. He discussed his involvement in The Healthy Homes Initiative that was presented to Congress in 1999, and The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Promote Healthy Homes in 2009. Dr. Jacobs went on to talk about the National Center for Healthy Housing's healthy homes holistic approach, which includes *9 Healthy Homes Principles* that can help create healthy living environments. Dr. Jacobs also presented research and information from the WHO EBD Report (2011), the Housing Interventions and Health Report, and the National Healthy Housing Standard (2014), specifically focusing on Healthy Housing in the Chicagoland Area. Dr. Jacobs concluded his presentation by stressing the importance of proactive and preventative solutions to healthy housing.

## **5.0 Speaker | Steven Cutaia, Chief Building Official, Oak Park**

Steven Cutaia's presentation explained the role of a building official and stressed the importance of code enforcement for safe and healthy housing. Mr. Cutaia noted that there is no uniform code for the state, there are no qualifications required for code inspectors in Illinois, and inspections often address the bare minimum due to things like low staff capacity and budget cuts. Mr. Cutaia discussed the effects of these issues on public safety and healthy housing.

## **6.0 CMAP's Approach to Housing and Health**

CMAP staff member Elizabeth Scott gave an overview of existing agency work on housing and public health, touching on CMAP projects, such as Regional Housing Solutions, Homes for a Changing Region, and various toolkits and white papers. Ms. Scott also discussed some components that CMAP has identified for healthy communities, including mixed-land use, improved public transit, accessibility and equity, healthy food outlets, green spaces, etc. CMAP staff member Ricardo Lopez went on to present the draft public health strategies developed for the Public Health Strategy Paper for the ON TO 2050 Plan.

## **7.0 Facilitated Workshop: Public Health Strategies**

Committee members were divided into groups to review and react to the draft strategies outlined in CMAP's public health strategy paper. Feedback gathered included identification of policy gaps in the existing draft, ideas for health equity partners, and thoughts on potential indicators or additional research needs. Staff noted that this feedback will be incorporated into the public health strategy paper for ON TO 2050. Major takeaways included:

- Inclusive growth should be emphasized across all strategies and as a component of health equity.
- Strategies that tap organizations already working on housing, environmental justice, and climate resilience are key in the healthy equity space.
- Funding gaps exist and will require innovative approaches to overcome.
- Making the cross-silo connections between active transportation, open spaces, and safe design standards more apparent is important.
- CMAP should emphasize its convening role in bringing together partners around planning for healthy communities.

## **8.0 Other Business**

### **9.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **10.0 Next Meeting**

The Housing Committee is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, November 16, 2017. The Human and Community Development Committee is scheduled to meet next on Monday, November 13, 2017.

### **11.0 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m., with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Scott and Kelwin Harris,  
*Committee Liaisons*