



Planning Coordinating Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2008--8:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Elliott Hartstein, Chair-CMAP Board, Frank Beal-CMAP Board, Roger Claar-CMAP Board, Beth Dever-MMC (representing Adam Gross), Zenovia Evans-CMAP Board, Luann Hamilton-CDOT, Al Larson-CMAP Board, Ed Paesel-South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, Rae Rupp Srch-CMAP Board, Ingrid Ruttendjie-Fox Waterway Agency, Phil Smith-DuPage County

Staff Present: Erin Aleman, Shana Alford, Lindsay Banks, Randy Blankenhorn, Bob Dean, Jesse Elam, Kristin Heery, Jill Leary, Joy Schaad Andrew Williams-Clark

Others Present: Steve Coffinbargar-KKCOM, Heidi Files-KKCOM, Paul Heltne-Center for Humans and Nature, Zachary Henry-Wachovia Securities, Tam Kutzmark-DMMC, Mark Minor-Metra, Christopher Staron-NWMC, Mike Walczak-NWMC, Tammy Wierciak-WCMC

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Elliott Hartstein.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting notes from the November 28, 2007 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Al Larson and a second by Roger Claar.

4.0 Partnership with Chicago Community Trust on the Regional Comprehensive Plan

Bob Dean described a proposed partnership with the Chicago Community Trust related to the Regional Comprehensive Plan. He gave an overview of the Trust's programs and

major issues of interest, which are complementary to CMAP's expertise. Mr. Dean stated that CMAP and the Trust would work together to develop indicators for use in the Regional Comprehensive Plan, among other activities, and he demonstrated the Boston Indicators website (www.bostonindicators.org) as an example of what the final product could look like. He also noted that other scenario evaluation projects had used indicators in their work, and provided the example of the Envision Utah project.

Phil Smith noted that there was a difference between the Boston Indicators project, which covers approximately 150 indicators and includes a rich set of information, and the 9 or so indicators which were used by the Envision Utah scenario example. Mr. Dean clarified that a larger set of indicators would be identified to measure and track, and a smaller set of these would be used for forecasting and public involvement purposes. Heidi Files asked whether the indicators project would be regional in scope, and Mr. Dean stated that it would.

Mr. Dean continued on to explain the three different components of the Regional Comprehensive Plan on which CMAP proposes to partner with the Trust. These included the development of indicators; support for planning related to education, health, or human services; and community engagement.

The committee expressed broad support for the partnership. Several committee members asked for more details on project funding. Mr. Dean explained that the funding request was not yet approved by the Trust's Board, but that it was approximately \$1.3 million over three years. He also clarified that a staff person was expected to be hired for indicators development, and that this would be a CMAP employee but funded through the Trust.

Mr. Hartstein noted that CMAP had final responsibility for adopting the Regional Comprehensive Plan, and asked how the partnership with the Trust would affect this. Mr. Dean stated that the Trust was aware of CMAP's legal responsibility on this matter. Frank Beal and Rae Rupp Srch added that the branding of the partnership would be critical and should reflect CMAP's primary responsibility for the adoption of the plan.

Roger Claar expressed concern that the indicators project may be duplicating work that is already done. Mr. Dean clarified that the project would use existing data and sources whenever possible, but by providing these in one place, would make it easier to compare and analyze data.

Ed Paesel asked how the Trust would contribute to research on human services topics, and asked if the Trust would conduct work internally or hire external consultants. Mr. Dean stated that this was still being discussed with the Trust, and a work plan for this would be developed.

Paul Heltne asked whether indicators will be developed for environmental issues, and Mr. Dean stated that they would, through work with the Environment and Natural Resources committee. Tam Kutzmark stated that indicators were a useful tool for both raising

awareness and impacting decisions, and advocated that decision-makers should be involved in the indicators development process. Mr. Hartstein agreed with this statement, and stated that it is imperative to continue to work to make CMAP relevant to the community at large.

Mr. Dean summarized the discussion, stating that the major concern of the Planning Coordinating Committee was maintaining control of the plan development process. Al Larson agreed, and added that defining the roles of the partnership is also important.

5.0 Regional Vision Development

Mr. Dean reviewed the status of the vision development, noting that comments have been received through working committees, other stakeholders, and the online survey. He stated that the committee will be asked to review selected vision statements at its March meeting to provide guidance on vision areas where there has not been consensus among stakeholders.

6.0 Regional Snapshot Report: Jobs-Housing Balance

Lee Deuben provided a presentation on the ongoing Regional Snapshot report on jobs-housing balance. She noted that the report was meant to guide the Regional Comprehensive Plan's approach to affordable housing location, job creation, and transportation investment by examining how these issues were linked.

Committee members asked several questions about the data behind the presentation, including the definition of a job center, the basis for calculating travel time, the calculation of jobs-housing ratio, whether part-time or non-traditional employment was considered, and the linkages of home and work locations, and Ms. Deuben explained the data sources and calculations. Mr. Hartstein asked how housing unit projections were done, and Ms. Deuben responded that it was difficult to project housing affordability far into the future, but that CMAP had been working with MMC and CMAP's Housing committee on this issue.

7.0 Staff Reports on Regional Comprehensive Plan

CMAP staff provided brief updates on several topics related to the Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dean noted that the climate change summit had taken place in December and had been a success. Tom Garritano stated that Amdur Spitz and Associates, a public relations firm, had been working on branding the plan, creating a survey for general public use, and developing a story contest. Mr. Hartstein asked whether the Board would be involved in the branding of the plan, and Mr. Garritano stated that a proposed brand would be sent to the Board in February for approval.

Erin Aleman updated the committee on a series of meetings being held with community-based organizations to support the vision development process, and identified the groups who were involved. Mr. Dean noted that there were several upcoming public engagement opportunities, including a number of public meetings, online engagement options, and a proposed story contest.

8.0 Other Business

No other business was raised.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

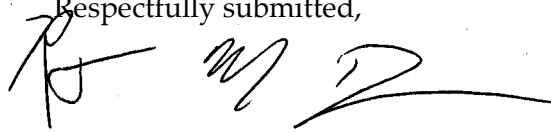
10.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Coordinating Committee was scheduled for March 12, 2008.

11.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. on a motion by Roger Claar, second by Al Larson.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Dean', written over a horizontal line.

Bob Dean, Principal Regional Planner
Staff Liaison

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Approved as presented March 12, 2008.