



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item No. 3.0

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### Land Use Working Committee

#### Minutes

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

9:00 a.m.

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

**Members Present:** Ed Paesel (Chair), Dave Galowich (Vice-Chair), Judy Beck, Robert Cole, Michael Kowski, Steve Lazzara (on behalf of Curt Paddock), Mark Muenzer, Brittany Albrecht Sloan (for Eric Waggoner), Heather Tabbert, Todd Vanadilok, Nathaniel Werner, Adrienne Wuellner, Ruth Wuorenma.

**Members Absent:** Kristi DeLaurentiis, Lisa DiChiera, Arnold Randall, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Smith, Mark VanKerkhoff, Nancy Williamson, Angela Zubko.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Bob Dean, Ricardo Lopez, Jason Navota.

**Others Present:** Brian Hacker (Metra), Mike Klemens (Will County Governmental League), Mike Walczak (Northwest Council of Mayors).

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

#### 3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – September 17, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2014, was made by Rob Cole and seconded by Heather Tabbert. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### 4.0 LTA Program Evaluation, Part 3: Internal Project Evaluation – Bob Dean, CMAP

CMAP Staff has been working with the working committees and other partners in an evaluation of the first three years of the LTA program, with the intent of using the results to focus future resources most effectively. At this meeting, Bob Dean focused on the [results of the internal evaluation](#).

One committee member asked whether it would be possible in the future to have applicants specify an in-kind commitment. Bob responded that CMAP doesn't consider

that a very helpful approach, but CMAP does inform every applicant that, if selected, they will be expected to dedicate a minimum of approximately 200 staff hours to the project.

Committee Liaison Stephen Ostrander asked on behalf of an absent committee member what was the “Other” category referred to in the memo. Bob indicated that he couldn’t be too specific without revealing exactly which specific projects were being referred to. However, he did say that some types would roughly fall \*within\* economic development and workforce training.

Brittany Sloan from Lake County mentioned that they recently adopted the sustainability plan that was created through the LTA program and have hired a sustainability coordinator. Committee members then agreed that the plan should be a topic at a future committee meeting (it is scheduled for the meeting on November 19, 2014).

One committee member asked Bob whether CMAP anticipates it might effectively screen out higher need communities if CMAP requires a more significant commitment from the community. Bob responded that CMAP is concerned about this possibility, and may be requiring more planning priorities reports first (before moving on with a larger project).

#### **5.0 LTA Program: Immigrant Integration Toolkit – Ricardo Lopez, CMAP**

Metropolitan Chicago is home to a number of immigrant communities that contribute to the region's economic prosperity and high quality of life. But municipalities across the region sometimes find themselves ill-equipped to address the needs of their changing demographics.

Ricardo provided an overview of the [Immigrant Integration Toolkit](#) (presentation is available [here](#)) which CMAP created to assist municipalities in addressing changing demographics at the local level. It presents a variety of ways other municipalities have successfully dealt with integration through improved health outcomes, economic mobility, enhanced civic participation, and a culture of inclusiveness. The toolkit explains some of the most common challenges associated with integration and provides a variety of strategies, local examples, and resources that municipalities can use.

One committee member commented that partnerships with park districts are fertile ground, as much of the staff is from Mexico. Another member added that partnerships with libraries were similar in this respect.

One committee member asked Ricardo who the main intended audience is. Ricardo said municipal staff.

Brittany Sloan mentioned that Lake County has many initiatives that are related to those recommended in the toolkit. The County has found that it is essential to focus on the communications strategy.

Another member commented that many of the important initiatives recommended in the

toolkit have really significant budgetary implications, which raises the question of what resources are available for communities who need to address this in a significant way.

One member mentioned that in a community where he used to work, they had a residency requirement for employees, which seemed to help municipal staff have more of an understanding of the full community and its needs.

Another committee member suggested reaching out with this toolkit to the Illinois City/County Management Association, as administrators are key.

One member recommended reaching out to churches, school boards to help engage immigrant communities and help overcome their common distrust of government.

Another commented that it's vital that naturalized citizens be registered to vote, to ensure that policy makers will respond to their needs (otherwise they typically won't).

**6.0 LTA Program: Chinatown Community Vision Plan – Stephen Ostrander, CMAP**

In partnership with a coalition of community organizations and 25th Ward Alderman Daniel Solis, CMAP is nearing completion of its Community Vision Plan for Chicago's Chinatown—the fourth largest in the United States (and still growing). Having previously discussed some of the findings from the project's existing conditions report, Stephen provided an overview of some of the main recommendations in the draft plan.

**7.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

**8.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**9.0 Next Meeting**

The committee was scheduled to meet next on November 19, 2014.

**10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Liaison

November 14, 2014