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Economic Development Committee DRAFT Minutes

March 26, 2011

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

Committee Members Present: Lance Pressl (Chair), Bret Johnson, Carrie Thomas, Consuella Brown, Ed Sitar, Elise Zelechowski, Gary Skoog, Gretchen Korsarko, Judith Kossy, Jason Tyszko, Jerry Weber, JoAnn Greene, John Grueling, Mark Hattas, MaryBeth Marshall, Matt Summy, Peter Creticos, Rand Hass, Reggie Greenwood.

Staff Present: Randy Blankenhorn, Matt Maloney, Bob Dean, Brett Baden, Jessica Simoncelli, Kendra Smith, Cynthia Hernandez, Jason Navota, Pete Saunders and Annie Byrne

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chair, Lance Pressl, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. Committee members introduced themselves and Randy Blankenhorn welcomed new members.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. Lance announced we would create an online resource for committee reading and Annie Byrne would also have two copies of the book Innovation Nation on hand for committee members.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 26

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 26 meeting, as presented was made and seconded and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Committee Charge

Staff referred the committee to the memo describing the charge of the committee. The committee's charge includes three primary activities: 1) Provide feedback on CMAA projects that relate to economic development; 2) Review and discuss economic development, innovation, and workforce development legislation and assist CMAA in expanding our state and federal policy agenda to include these topics; and 3) Facilitate,

support, and promote projects that align with GO TO 2040 Human Capital recommendations. The committee supported this charge as described. Staff also proposed developing a six-month committee schedule to help guide the committee's work in achieving this charge. The committee supported this approach, as well.

5.0 GO TO 2040 Background and Implementation

5.1 Overview

CMAP Staff described the genesis of the GO TO 2040 plan and highlighted two hallmarks: 1) Public input and stakeholder input was significant; and 2) a research intensive process was used. The policy-based approach of the plan with a focus on long-term economic growth was also highlighted.

5.2 Human Capital Recommendations

Staff presented the three implementation action areas in the Improve Education and Workforce Development recommendation while Carrie Thomas described the role of CJC and the advisory council in helping to inform these recommendations. Annie described activities currently underway, including the data oriented activities CMAP is leading and a partnership with CWIC to research the alignment of systems as part of the cluster reports. Staff also presented the four implementation action areas in the Support Economic Innovation recommendation, further describing the cluster reports CMAP is doing in partnership with CWIC and also described the innovation metrics work being undertaken in partnership with the Chicagoland Chamber, World Business Chicago, and the Illinois Science and Technology Coalition. The committee began to discuss initiatives that relate to these efforts and suggested the committee establish a Basecamp site to share resources.

6.0 OECD Territorial Review

The OECD Chicago Team described the OECD Territorial Reviews, which is now underway for the tri-state Chicago region. The OECD reviews benchmark regions and recommends best practices from around the world. The team described the geographic focus on the "functional" region which crosses state boundaries. The team will focus on four themes: green economy, innovation, workforce development, and transportation. OECD staff fielded questions and engaged in discussion specific to the innovation theme. The team will return to Chicago in June for their second mission.

7.0 CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program

Staff briefly described the new Local Technical Assistance Program; an update of the program and details on projects with an economic development focus will be provided to the committee each month.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Economic Development Committee.

9.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

10.0 Next Meeting

The Economic Development Committee will meet next on April 26.

11.0 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annie Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Annie Byrne
Committee Liaison

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