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## **Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010 DuPage County Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Ivan Baker, Bill Browne, Consuella Brown, Lori Clark, Grant Davis, JoAnn Eckmann, Joanna Greene, John Greuling, Rand Haas, Judith Kossy, Harry Pestine, Angie Powell, Gary Skoog, Ed Sitar

**Members Absent:** Tracey Bosman, Thomas Gary, Robert Gleeson, Dennis Marino, Charles Perkins, John Schneider

**Staff Present:** Erin Aleman, Ryan Ames, Brett Baden, Annie Byrne, Bola Delano, Brian Rademacher

**Others Present:** Kristen Andersen

### **1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

### **2.0 Welcome and Introductions**

All attendees introduced themselves.

### **3.0 Approval of the Minutes**

It was noted that on page 2 of the minutes there were four implementation areas but only three were listed. The fourth implementation area was 'Create a Culture of Innovation'. The correction was noted and will be amended. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Lori Clark and seconded by Gary Skoog.

### **4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes.

### **5.0 Staff Report**

The innovation focus groups will be held this week on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. A summary and update of those meetings will be presented at the next committee meeting.

### **6.0 Chairman Report**

No report was given.

## 7.0 **Brownfield Inventory Toolkit**

Ryan Ames gave a presentation on the Brownfields Inventory Tool (BIT). The tool is designed to standardize site formation, allow users to submit report, assist in developing a regional inventory to identify redevelopment opportunities and track clean up, and assist in targeting financial assistance. The tool is available on line and was developed by Kansas State University with financial support from USEPA. The Committee agreed this tool provides a good opportunity for municipalities to build an inventory and target funding assistance.

## 8.0 ***GOTO 2040 Update***

**8.1** Erin Aleman updated the committee on CMAP's summer activities. Ten open houses have been scheduled throughout the region to allow public input on the draft *GO TO 2040* plan. The meetings will have an overview of the plan followed by a question and answer period. She also indicated that formal public comments can also be submitted online at [www.goto2040.org](http://www.goto2040.org). In addition CMAP is willing to host additional meetings upon request. Committee members interested in hosting a meeting should contact Erin Aleman directly at 312-386-8816. The public comment period will run from June 11 to August 6.

**8.2** A copy of the draft chapter on Economic Innovation was included in the committee packet. Overall the committee agreed that the chapter has improved significantly and that the work the committee recommended early on was now included. Harry Pestine recommended adding the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago as an implementer in Implementation Action Area #2. He also suggested adding other innovative financing vehicles beyond venture capital.

Gary Skoog said the current conditions section should highlight the regions positive assets in innovation. The section should make a better case on the need to build on strengths. The committee agreed on the importance to look at the challenges to position the implementation areas as a way to improve.

Ivan Baker suggested that the charts should show comparisons as this will help demonstrate why the region needs to support innovation. Joanna Greene said that in Implementation Action Area #1 there is a need to mention other agencies such as the Illinois Department of Employment Security and QWIC Stats. She further suggested that it include other data sets relevant to innovation including highly skilled workforce and education. Grant Davis said the summary chapter could be condensed even more into a popular summary perhaps focusing on the implementation areas. Consuella Brown recommended that the action area "reorient philanthropic giving toward innovation" be changed to "encourage philanthropic giving toward innovation" as the current wording suggests philanthropic foundations lack proper focus, which is not the case.

**9.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on **Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:00am** in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

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Staff Liaison

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