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Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes November 17 – 9:00am DuPage County Conference Room

Members Present: Ivan Baker, Tracey Bosman, JoAnn Eckmann, Thomas Gary, Robert Gleeson, Rand Haas, Judith Kossy, Charles Perkins, Angie Powell, Gary Skoog, Ed Sitar.

Members Absent: Consuella Brown, Lori Clark, Bill Browne, Grant Davis, John Greuling, Robin Kelly, Harry Pestine, John Schneider.

Staff Present: Annie Byrne, Bob Dean, Bola Delano, and Brian Rademacher.

Others Present: Kristen Anderson, Paul Heltne, Damon Lee.

1.0 Call to Order

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

2.0 Welcome and Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves. Gary Skoog chaired the meeting.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Charles Perkins and seconded by JoAnn Eckmann.

4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

5.0 Staff Report

Staff asked the committee to review the proposed scheduled dates for the 2010 calendar year. The committee made the following changes. The November meeting was changed to Tuesday the 16th and there will not be a meeting in December. The committee approved the 2010 dates and these will be posted to the committee website and handed out at the January meeting.

6.0 Chairman Report

John Grueling was not in attendance so there was no update from the chairman.

7.0 *GOTO* 2040 Update

7.1 Staff presented the draft preferred scenario explaining that it builds on the regional vision and identifies the best course of action to reach goals of the vision. The report divides the policies and investments of the preferred scenario into three main categories: local infrastructure and the built environment; regional infrastructure and the built environment; and non-physical infrastructure and the policy environment. Staff went on to explain these categories highlighting sections related to economic and community development.

Committee members recommended that the preferred scenario should highlight the distinct challenges the region faces in regards to transportation, land-use and economic development. At the same time the report should emphasize the strengths and benefits of the region in the global economy. They further recommended the scenarios link back to important topics like employment and industry clusters. Gary Skoog recommended adding examples of how similar scenarios have worked elsewhere. On the issue of education and workforce he also suggested that a scenario to improve the regional workforce should also include an idea for educational institutions to interface with private industry. JoAnn Eckmann recommended that the theme of re-investment should be broadened to include land-use scenarios in collar counties where there are green-field opportunities. Bob Gleason concluded by suggesting that in order to capture a wider audience the preferred scenario report should include rich themes and details to capture the flavor of the overall plan. Staff thanked the committee for the feedback and discussed next steps. The preferred scenario will be presented to the CMAP Board in January for endorsement.

7.2 A brief summary of innovation discussion at the October meeting was given. Three possible actions were identified 1) Research on the topic of innovation; 2) convene stakeholders relevant to innovation and 3) celebrate successful innovations and attempts to innovate in the region.

The committee agreed that one of the best ways to define and understand innovation was to meet with companies to discuss how innovation works either in manufacturing firms with product development or companies that use innovative management styles. The committee agreed to identify and send Brian Rademacher a list of companies for him to coordinate small roundtable meetings to learn about innovation in the private sector. Interested committee members were asked to contact Brian to develop a meeting schedule and develop questions that will be used.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Upcoming Regional Events

Gary Skoog reminded committee members of an upcoming event on November 4th at Harper College -- 'Accessing Innovation in a Challenging Economy'. John Greuling reported the 'Midwest Clean Tech 2009' event at the Federal Reserve Bank on November 23 & 24. John Schneider announced the recent release of the Cook County Recovery Zone Facility Bonds.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on **Tuesday**, **January 26**th, **2010 at 9:00am** in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher Staff Liaison

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