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## **Economic Development Committee**

### **DRAFT Minutes**

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
DuPage County Conference Room  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Lance Pressl (Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce), Jerry Weber (Lake County College), Jeremiah Boyle (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), Ed Sitar (ComEd), Joanna Greene (Chicago Workforce Investment Council), Bret Johnson (Northwestern University Transportation Center), Mary Beth Marshall (DuPage Workforce Board), Gary Skoog (Village of Hoffman Estates), Carrie Thomas (Chicago Jobs Council)

#### **Staff Present:**

Matt Maloney, Garrett Ballard-Rosa, Simone Weil, Bob Dean, and Annie Byrne

#### **1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair, Lance Pressl.

#### **2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**

There were no agenda changes. Lance Pressl introduced committee member Jeremiah Boyle. Jere is the Managing Director of Economic Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and will be replacing Harry Pestine on the committee.

#### **3.0 Approval of the Minutes-February 28, 2012**

The minutes of the February 28, 2012 meeting were approved, as presented.

#### **4.0 Local Technical Assistance Program Update: Blue Island**

Bob Dean provided the committee with a brief background on the Blue Island Local Technical Assistance (LTA) project. CMAP is developing a prioritized list of strategies based on existing plans; workforce development is a top strategy and CMAP has contracted with Chicago Jobs Council to lead this component. Liz Czarnecki from the Chicago Jobs Council described their findings from the assessment of existing conditions

regarding the workforce development infrastructure and outlined the top recommendations for the final report. Bob Dean explained CMAP will continue to be engaged in LTA projects for a two year period in order to monitor progress and support implementation.

#### **5.0 OECD Territorial Review of the Chicago Tri-State Metro Region**

Lance Pressl led a discussion regarding the next phase of the recently completed OECD Territorial Review of the Chicago Tri-State Metro Region. Committee members shared general observations and discussed the importance of identifying the intersections between the OECD report, World Business Chicago's Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs, GO TO 2040. The committee discussed the role of institutions put forth in chapter six, in particular, the expanded role of regional planning organizations and the opportunity to expand interaction across state boundaries, as well as the legislation changes that would facilitate this. The committee agreed the competitiveness within economic development is an impediment to cross-jurisdictional cooperation; it will be important to build on the existing momentum and emphasize the benefits that all accrue when competition is replaced by cooperation.

Gary Skoog shared information on the recently announced National Network for Manufacturing Innovation. The \$1 billion proposal will fund 15 Institutes for Manufacturing Innovation across the country. The initiative is still in its infancy and will begin with pilot in one region. Gary suggested this is a tangible project the committee could focus on and aligns with the priorities and strategies in the OECD, WBC, and GO TO 2040 plans. The committee agreed this is an interesting opportunity and a sub-committee should discuss this in more depth and report back to the committee. It was suggested the committee reserve time at each month to develop and implement a strategy for the region to benefit from this opportunity. The committee also agreed it will be important to explore new partnerships and innovative organizational structures in order to bolster collaboration and overcome existing challenges in coordination.

Jere Boyle described the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Industrial Cities Initiative and the increasing interest in fostering collaboration and how this could inform the work of the committee. The initiative is profiling five smaller industrial cities in the Midwest and examining opportunities to collaborate or compete. The committee agreed to schedule a presentation on this at a future meeting.

#### **6.0 Other Business**

There was no other business.

#### **7.0 Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

#### **8.0 Next Meeting**

The committee meets next on April 24, 2012.

#### **9.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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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