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Economic Development Committee Draft Minutes

November 29, 2011

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

Committee Members

Present: Lance Pressl (Chair) , Jerry Weber (by phone), Bret Johnson, Carrie Thomas, , Dennis Marino, Ed Sitar, Emily Harris, Gary Skoog, Jason Tyszko, Joanna Greene, Mary Beth Marshall, Maria Saldana, Peter Creticos

Staff Present: Bob Dean, Emily Plagman, and Annie Byrne

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Lance Pressl called the meeting to order at 9:05.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Lance Pressl updated the committee on the status of the OECD tri-state territorial review and described the upcoming trip to OECD headquarters in Paris. The project is on schedule and a launch event is scheduled for March 9th.

Lance asked if any committee members would volunteer to review a proposal to map the regional innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. Joanna Greene, Bret Johnson, and Ed Sitar agreed to review the proposal and provide feedback on if and how this effort would add value.

Jason Tyszko announced that the State of Illinois was selected for round three of Race to the Top funding. The exact award amount will be announced in December. The funding will go towards implementing the state's STEM agenda, including the development of P-20 STEM Programs of Study and the Learning Exchanges.

Gary Skoog shared information on an upcoming manufacturing job fair, led by fellow committee member Rand Haas.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 25

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 25 meeting as presented was made and seconded and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 CMAP Staff Updates, CMAP Staff

4.1 Local Technical Assistance Update

Bob Dean provided an overview of CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, funded by a \$4.25 million grant from HUD (download presentation [here](#)). The purpose is to implement GO TO 2040 through assistance to communities. Approximately 30 projects are underway, with 30 more under development, and the next call for projects is planned for May 2012. Bob gave an overview of two projects that have a significant focus on economic development: the Blue Island comprehensive plan, and the City of Berwyn comprehensive plan. Bob fielded questions and discussed the committee's role in providing input and becoming more involved in selected projects.

4.2 GO TO 2040 Implementation Report

Annie Byrne updated the committee on the status of the GO TO 2040 implementation report. A full draft will be distributed in December and committee members will be asked to provide feedback. The final report will be distributed in January.

4.3 Energy Impact Illinois

CMAP staff Emily Plagman presented an overview of the Energy Impact Illinois (EI2) program, funded by a \$25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. Emily described the three main components of the program: financing, information, and workforce. She explained the education campaign, the website's features, and how committee members can link to the widgets. She asked committee members to let us know if there are additional resources we should add to the EI2 website.

4.4 Freight Drill-Down

Annie updated the committee on the status of the freight drill-down report. The report was originally planned to be complete in November, but because of staffing changes the report was put on hold. CMAP plans to resume work on this in the coming months and will provide updates at future meetings. Joanna Greene informed the committee that as a collaborator on the project, CWIC decided to pursue completion of its section on the occupations in the freight cluster. A draft is nearly complete.

5.0 gravitytank Experience Discussion , Lance Pressl

The committee discussed the October session at gravitytank and what was useful about the exercise. Committee members agreed that it was a highly enjoyable experience and particularly appreciated the chance to interact with each other in an interactive problem-solving process. The committee discussed the need to keep the momentum from this experience going and pivot into the next phase of the committee. Discussion included the

possibility more small group work at future meetings. The committee also discussed efforts focused on helping organizations and government entities become more innovative and collaborative and the need to see more of this. Lance asked the committee to think about future field trips and other activities to enhance collaborative activities.

6.0 Committee Goals and Project Ideas for 2012

The committee talked about its work in 2012 and the interest in focusing on an action oriented agenda. Committee members have largely agreed that they would like to have more specific goals and objectives. The committee discussed differing views on how action oriented the committee should be and if there is a need to focus on unifying independent but similar economic development efforts throughout the region. It was suggested the committee discuss further what kinds of activities the committee could get involved in and the role of the committee in helping to coordinate efforts.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

8.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

9.0 Next Meeting

The Economic Development Committee will not meet in December due to the holiday. The next committee meeting will be January 24.

10.0 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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

Annie Byrne
Committee Liaison

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