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## Housing Working Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 15, 2010

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)  
Cook County Conference Room  
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

**Members Present:** Rob Breymaier, Sarah Ciampi, Paul Colgan, Nancy Firfer, Adam Gross, Calvin Holmes, Tammie Grossman, Christine Kolb, Paul Leder, Allison Milld, Janice Morrissy, Nicole Nutter, Gail Schecter, Tom Tomschin, Lisa Tapper, Joanna Trotter, Amy Wagner, Christen Wiggins, Mike Scobey (for Sharon Gorrell)

**Staff Present:** Lee Deuben, Bob Dean, Erin Aleman

**Others Present:** Maria Choca Urban, Center for Neighborhood Technology

### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by committee Chair, Nancy Firfer

### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Committee Chair, Nancy Firfer welcomed four new housing committee members, Linda Francis of Blacks in Green, Christen Wiggins a housing consultant, Christine Kolb of the Urban Land Institute and Allison Milld from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

### 3.0 Approval of Minutes- April 15, 2010

A call for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2010 housing committee, as presented, and a motion was made by Calvin Holmes and seconded by Joanna Trotter. All in favor, the motion carried.

### 4.0 GO TO 2040 Summer Outreach Activities and Public Comment Update: Erin Aleman, CMAP

Erin Aleman provided the committee with a brief update on the GO TO 2040 public outreach process during the period that the draft plan is open for public comment. She also encouraged committee member to enroll in the partnership program. Mr. Colgan mentioned that he thought that the Executive Summary of the draft plan was light on housing. After much discussion, committee members decided it would be best to individually review the executive summary and forward Lee Deuben any comments that

they have on housing.

**5.0 Update on Chicago Area Real Estate Trend:** Mike Scobey, Illinois Association of Realtors  
Mike Scobey from the Illinois Association of Realtors provided the committee an overview of current real estate trends. Much of the subsequent committee discussion focused on rising foreclosure rates in the condo market especially in regards to deferred maintenance, tightened lending standard, and reasons behind escalation in condo foreclosure rates. The committee expressed interest in exploring this topic in greater detail at future meetings. Nancy Firfer and Joanna Trotter proposed that the next housing committee meeting be issue specific in regards to condos and foreclosures.

**6.0 Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-Up Program Overview:** Lee Deuben, CMAP  
Lee Deuben provided the committee a brief overview of the Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-Up program an energy efficiency award that CMAP received as part of ARRA. A regional collaboration led by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) – in partnership with the City of Chicago Department of Environment, with support from the City of Rockford and suburban and regional stakeholders – was awarded \$25 million to carrying out energy-efficient retrofits to commercial and residential buildings in northeastern Illinois.

**7.0 Sustainable Communities Initiative:** Bob Dean & Lee Deuben, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Lee Deuben provided the committee with an overview of the Sustainable Communities Initiative funding opportunities recently announced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She differentiated between the Community Challenge, TIGER II and the Regional Planning grant funding opportunities. Ms. Deuben also explained CMAP's intent to provide local communities that are interested in applying for the Community Challenge grants, with technical assistance in completing proposals. Next, Mr. Dean explained that while still in the early phases of development, that CMAP was intending to take the lead on a regional application for the Sustainable Communities Initiative Regional Planning Grant. Joanna Trotter suggested utilizing the technical assistance providers network.

**8.0 Other Regional Housing Initiative Updates:** Lee Deuben and Committee Members  
There we no housing initiative updates

**9.0 Public Comment**  
There was no public comment.

**10.0 Other Comments**  
There were no other comments

**11.0 Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Housing Working Committee is August, 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 9:00 am in the CMAP offices.

**12.0 Adjournment**

A call for a motion to adjourn was made and a motion was made by Tom Tomschin and seconded by Sarah Ciampi. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Deuben', written in a cursive style.

Lee Deuben