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Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

DuPage County Conference Room

Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present:

Mark Avery, Robert Cole, Roger Dahlstrom, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Lisa DiChiera, David DuBoise, Bob Sullivan (for Karrie Frilling), David Galowich, Ed Paesel, Maryanne Wanaski (for Dennis Sandquist), Karen Stonehouse, Nikki Nutter (for Heather Tabbert), Kai Tarum

Members Absent:

Judy Beck, Jerry Conrad, Jim LaBelle, Robert Palmer, Tim Savage, Heather Smith, Nancy Williamson, Nathaniel Werner, Norm West

Staff Present:

Ty Warner (committee liaison), Erin Aleman, Andrew Williams-Clark, Stephen Ostrander, Randy Blankenhorn (part)

Others Present:

Anja Claus, Center for Humans & Nature; Paul Heltne; Ryan Richter, Metra; Mike Walczak, Northwest Municipal Conference; Robert Munson, CMAP Citizens Advisory Committee; Damon Lee, Sustainable Property Transitions; Alessandro Trinidad, Adamson University, Manila

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mark Avery relayed that the CMAP Board unanimously adopted the DRI process. There will be a two-year trial period

3.0 Approval of Meeting Notes – May 20, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 20 meeting was made by David Galowich and seconded by Karen Stonehouse. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Legislative Update

Randy Blankenhorn gave an update the CMAP budget situation. There are line items in the state budget that are lump sums, and the Regional Comprehensive Planning fund money might be included there. This money is critical and supports all of CMAP's non-transportation work. Conversations with the Secretary of IDOT are helpful, and communications from CMAP's partners are welcome and beneficial.

The Committee then discussed various other pieces of Illinois legislation, from the Transportation Investment Accountability Act (Senate Bill 2359) to House Bill 88 (regarding merging IHPA with IDNR) to Senate Bill 2184 (amending the Water Use Act).

Kristi DeLaurentiis said the deadline for HB 2359, the Transportation Investment Accountability Act, had been extended but ultimately did not get out of committee. The bill may be considered again in the fall. Senate Bill 2184 Passed out of both House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature. However, the funding for the data collection is at risk.

Lisa DiChiera mentioned that House Bill 88 would reverse the proposed state budget's merging of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) and the Department of Natural Resources, and would maintain IHPA as a stand-alone agency.

Dahlstrom also related news concerning the STAR Bond Bill (Senate Bill 1909), focused around O'Fallen, Illinois, to rebate all sales taxes to a developer for the purposes of developing the business district. The debate centers on economic development impacts.

5.0 Upper Midwest Planning Conference: Ty Warner AICP, CMAP

Ty Warner presented an overview on the upcoming Upper Midwest APA Conference happening September 24-26, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The conference is jointly sponsored by the American Planning Association, the American Institute of Arrchitects, Landmarks Illinois, the City of Chicago Department of Zoning & Land Use Planning, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, and CMAP. This landmark conference is integrating these professions to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Burnham and Bennett's 1909 *Plan of Chi*-

cago. Ty invited committee members to host individual roundtables on a variety of planning topics during the "PowerPlanningPalooza" event on Friday morning, September 25th. Please contact Ty with a topic or project to share at this event. Conference information is at http://www.ilapa.org/conf/09/conf2009.html.

6.0 Overview of a Plan for Quiapo: Alessandro Trinidad, Adamson University, Manila Philippines

The Committee heard from Alessandro Trinidad, a student of Adamson University (Manila, Philippines) as the winner of the Manila Urban Poverty Reduction Student Competition hosted by DePaul University Chicago and Adamson University, for his Plan for Quiapo. (Manila's plan was designed by Daniel Burnham, and so this competition was held by DePaul's Chaddick Institute and Adamson University as part of this year's Burnham Centennial celebrations.)

Andrew's project focuses on Quiapo which is the former central business district of Manilla. He gave the committee an overview of the existing conditions; the team's site analysis; concept for revitalization through preservation, restoration, alteration and conservation; innovation through the creation of a self building-self healing community; sustainability by fostering social interactions, creating a strong micro-economy, higher education, and faith; feasibility of their ideas and funding ideas.

7.0 Indicators Data Collection: Andrew Williams Clark, CMAP

CMAP is at the beginning stages of developing a data collection effort for municipal, township and county governments. Andrew Williams-Clark solicited input from the committee on land use policy innovations that should be identified in a questionnaire as well as the best ways to word questions surrounding land use innovations. CMAP is putting out an RFQ for a consultant to gather data for CMAP, and is in the beginning stages of developing an in-house municipal, county, and township survey. Andrew led the Committee in a brainstorming small-group discussion on innovations in Land Use leading toward innovation-related indicators. The committee broke out into small groups to discuss.

Ideas from the first group included addressing the link between land use & economic development, the link between sprawl and the cost of development, the extent to which communities are exposing themselves to tear-downs, land use planning within planning boundaries, form-based land use plans versus segregated uses, reduced barriers to conservation design, and the combination of wetland and environmental considerations with stormwater protection.

The next group's ideas included the prioritization items that need regulation as a means of allocation of resources, a focus on the public realm (particularly how we relate development to the public realm), government facilitates location (e.g. IDOT Dist 1, Springfield, etc), making information transparent to public at meeting, repopulating areas that have lots of infrastructure but have lost population, and a way to address "who is talking to who" (an example being school districts and a policy of "bus everybody" with no "official" walkers).

Another groups' ideas included how municipal land use decisions impact the bigger region, a way of analyzing VMT as impacted by development proposals, and a way to measure stormwater and where it is going regionally.

Ed Paesel communicated that any planning decision involves boundaries of some sort, and when we come up to a boundary, we should immediately ask how to look into that, and ask "what does that boundary mean?"

Kai Tarum suggested the survey could be modeled on the short-form/long-form format of the Census, whereas communities doing a lot in a particular area could answer a longer survey about the particulars of their efforts. This process will also help determine who wants assistance where.

Niki Nutter relayed that the RTA surveyed 30 Transit Oriented Development communities, and this could be used for reference.

8.0 *Go To 2040: Inventing the Future:* Erin Aleman, CMAP

Erin Aleman and Stephen Ostrander took the committee through the MetroQuest tool as used in the Invent the Future workshops being held throughout this summer.

The Committee informally chose a future scenario that is highly compact and focused on community & metropolitan areas, with moderate road investment and significant transit investment, and that maximizes both transportation and resource policy programs.

9.0 Next scheduled meeting: July 15, 2009 [the July meeting was subsequently canceled, the next meeting following being August 19, 2009]

10.0 Other Business

Ty invited the Committee to attend that Friday's unveiling of the Burnham Centennial pavilions in Milleniuum Park, followed by the premire of an original work composed for the Centennial, and also to visit one of the Invent the Future kiosks set up near the pavilions and in the Sears Tower lobby and elsewhere around the region.

11.0 Public Comment

There was no other public comment.

12.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by David Dubois and seconded by Karen Stonehouse. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ty Warner AICP

Staff Liaison to the Land Use Committee

Notes compiled with the help of Erin Aleman