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Human and Community Development Committee

Draft Minutes

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Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois 60606

Committee Members Present: Sheri Cohen, Kendra Freeman, Jackie Forbes, Jacky Grimshaw, Hanna Kite, Megan Napierkowski, Janna Simon, Dominic Tocci
(*indicates via phone)

Others Present: Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Leslie Edstrom, Joan Fox*

Staff Present: Austen Edwards, Kelwin Harris, Erin Kenney, Katanya Raby, Elizabeth Schuh, Arleigh Truesdale

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Sheri Cohen, committee co-chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

- Sheri Cohen suggested writing a Thank You letter to outgoing committee member Jennifer Becker. (CMAP staff to draft letter).
- Kelwin Harris mentioned that CMAP will respond to the letter from the committee regarding stronger language on equity in the [ON TO 2050 plan](#).
- Elizabeth Schuh described the process for public comment responses, stating that the letter would be published in the [ON TO 2050 Public Comment Appendix](#) and that comments would be logged and responded to in the [ON TO 2050 Public Comment Summary and Response Log](#).
- Sheri Cohen mentioned that comments were also addressed by Elizabeth Schuh at the previous committee meeting.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – [June 5, 2018](#)

Minutes were unanimously approved.

4.0 Implementation Priorities of ON TO 2050

Elizabeth Schuh provided an overview of recently initiated activities to implement draft ON TO 2050 recommendations. Sheri Cohen asked if we're collecting public health data. Elizabeth said we're identifying partners for a consistent data set. Hanna Kite talked about the significance of utilizing toll credits.

5.0 ON TO 2050 Public Comment Update

Elizabeth Schuh provided a [summary of public comment for ON TO 2050](#) received to date. Sheri Cohen asked what was different from GO TO 2040 as far as innovations. Kelwin mentioned that the kiosks placed throughout the region received the most activity.

6.0 Disinvested Areas

Erin Kenney presented material to the committee about CMAP research on disinvested areas in the Chicago region. Hanna Kite asked why is there a focus on state and not local solutions to address the issues. Erin said that CMAP is currently looking at high-level strategies. Kendra Freeman asked how does the state prioritize areas. Erin mentioned that Ohio is a good example for methodology but a change in tax code made them less effective. Elizabeth Schuh said CMAP is looking at what tools we have to address this at the regional level and how we can address underlying issues. Sheri said we should strengthen housing and education and change the perception in communities. Erin said we are looking at how existing programs interact and how we can take advantage of what we already have. She also mentioned CMAP is looking at policies of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Janna Simon gave an example of "food infrastructure" and health equity zones in Rhode Island. She suggested looking at historic housing policies in other places. Kendra suggested looking at how you tap into existing resources to access capital and mitigate risk in addition to looking at incentives like Opportunity Zones. Hanna mentioned that retailers are leaving the region. She mentioned Minneapolis-St. Paul as an example of strategies to help stabilize poaching of retailers. Dominic Tocci suggested encouraging research on state fiscal monitoring. He said North Carolina is a good example of useful tools.

7.0 [Robbins TOD and Industrial Plan](#)

Kelwin Harris introduced early findings from a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) and Industrial plan that CMAP is doing with the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) as part of the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program for Robbins, IL. Garland Armstrong encouraged CMAP to think about resources for the visually-impaired early in the process as well as those hard-of-hearing. He also stressed including ramps for paratransit in street design. Janna Simon suggested looking at [Illinois Safe Routes to School Funding](#). Jacky Grimshaw mentioned involving Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) Commissioner Debra Shore as she has shown interest in investments in Robbins.

8.0 Public Comment

Hanna Kite mentioned a Cook County Department of Public Health workshop on October 5th and 6th.

9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Feb. 5th 2019 at 10am.

10.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelwin Harris, Committee Liaison