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Local Coordinating Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

8:00 a.m.

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

Members Present:

Rita Athas (CMAP Board-Chicago), Mike Davidson (Human and Community Development committee), Nancy Firfer (Housing committee), David Galowich (Land Use committee), David Kralik (Transportation committee alternate), Rick Reinbold (CMAP Board-south Cook County), William Rodeghier (CMAP Board-west Cook County), Rae Rupp Srch (CMAP Board-DuPage County), Carolyn Schofield (CMAP Board-McHenry County-by phone), Debra Stone (Environment and Natural Resources committee alternate)

Members Absent:

Jennifer Killen (Transportation committee), Lisa Laws (CMAP Board-Chicago), Raul Raymundo (CMAP Board-Chicago), Carrie Thomas (Economic Development committee), Sean Wiedel (Environment and Natural Resources committee)

Staff Present:

Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Bob Dean, Kristin Ihnchak, Don Kopec, Jill Leary, Jason Navota, Emily Plagman, Justine Reisinger, Gordon Smith, Simone Weil

Others Present:

Marc Loveless, Kurtis Pozsgay, Tom Rickert, Chris Staron, Mike Sullivan

1.0 Call to Order

Rita Athas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m., and members were asked to introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-October 9, 2013

On a motion by Nancy Firfer and second by Mike Davidson, the minutes were approved with this change.

4.0 Introduction of New Committee Members

Two new committee members, William Rodeghier and Rae Rupp Srch, had been recently appointed to the Local Coordinating Committee to represent the CMAP Board. Both introduced themselves and were welcomed to the committee.

5.0 Next Call for Projects

Bob Dean reviewed the proposed schedule, eligibility, and selection criteria for next year's call for projects. He emphasized that most elements of the process would remain the same, but with more emphasis on project implementation compared to past years. Committee members asked about applications received during past calls for projects, and Mr. Dean responded that fewer than half of the applications are generally selected in a given year. The number of applications received has fallen since the first year, but the quality of applications has improved.

The committee also discussed funding for the LTA program. Mr. Dean stated that significant funding had been secured from several sources, but it had not completely replaced the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant which ended in January. This has led to a greater reliance on transportation funding than in past years, which will result in more projects with significant transportation components. Mr. Dean emphasized that the LTA program would still be able to fund projects such as comprehensive plans, corridor plans, zoning updates, and similar efforts, although some projects may require a mixture of funding sources.

6.0 LTA Project Examples: City of Berwyn

Kristin Ihnchak (CMAP staff) and Kurtis Pozsgay (Berwyn Development Corporation) described several ongoing LTA projects in Berwyn, including a comprehensive plan update and zoning ordinance rewrite. Other upcoming projects include a capital improvement plan and a parking study.

Committee members asked about some of the topics addressed in the plan and zoning ordinance, including housing affordability and form-based codes. Nancy Firfer stated that Berwyn had participated in a *Homes for a Changing Region* project for the West Cook County Housing Collaborative, and this informed the comprehensive plan's approach to housing. Mr. Pozsgay discussed the use of form-based codes in the community, observing that they would likely be more applicable in some areas of the community than others. The public engagement process was also discussed, and committee members noted that both projects had included high levels of community engagement.

7.0 Future LTA Project Types

Bob Dean initiated a discussion about the future direction of the LTA program. He noted that the program had accomplished its initial goal of providing planning resources to communities, and there are now enough completed projects to evaluate their effectiveness.

Hopefully, an evaluation of the program will identify patterns that can be used to structure the program most effectively in future years. Mr. Dean asked the committee to discuss the types of projects that are most relevant to local sponsors, the alignment of these most-needed projects with CMAP's resources, and the best ways to involve lower-capacity communities in the program.

Committee members observed that often the communities with the most need for CMAP's assistance were least able to take advantage of the resources available through the LTA program. In lower-capacity communities, funding for implementation actions such as infrastructure improvements is limited, and grant applications may be beyond their abilities; the LTA program could potentially play a larger role in obtaining funding for recommendations after plan adoption.

Committee members also asked about communities that need help but are not interested in aligning their plans with GO TO 2040. Mr. Dean emphasized that the LTA program was voluntary, but consistency with GO TO 2040 was one of the selection criteria for the program. Committee members also offered ideas for future LTA directions that involved economic development, direct capacity-building, and site-specific planning and predevelopment work.

8.0 LTA Program Update

Bob Dean noted that a full list of ongoing LTA projects was contained in the meeting materials. There were no comments or questions on these.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Local Coordinating Committee.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

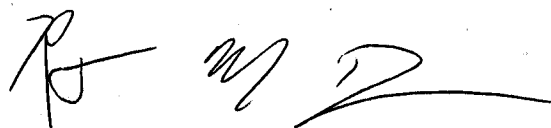
11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Coordinating Committee is scheduled for May 14, 2014.

12.0 Adjournment

At 9:20 a.m., on a motion by Dave Galowich and a second by William Rodeghier, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Approved as presented by unanimous vote, May 14, 2014.