



**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Human and Community Development Committee
Minutes**

November 3, 2014

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

Committee Members Present (* indicates that member participated via webinar):
Gina Massuda Barnett* (*Cook County Department of Public Health*), Jennifer Becker (*Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors*), Jeanette Castellanos Butt (*United Way of Metropolitan Chicago*), Jennifer Clary (*Social IMPACT Research Center/Heartland Alliance*), Sheri Cohen (*Chicago Department of Public Health*), Eira Corral (*Village of Hanover Park*), Fluturi Demirovski (*Regional Transportation Authority*), Wesley Epplin (*Health and Medicine Policy Research Group*), Jacky Grimshaw* (*Center for Neighborhood Technology*), Mary Keating* (*DuPage County*), Greg Polman* (*The Chicago Lighthouse*), Dominic Tocci (*Cook County Bureau of Economic Development*), Tammy Wierciak* (*West Central Municipal Conference*)

Others Present: Lillian Lahr (*CTA*)

Staff Present: Bob Dean, Samantha (Robinson) Sherrod (*Liaison*), Andrew Williams-Clark

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Samantha Sherrod, CMAP staff liaison, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. (The co-chairs were not in attendance.)

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes and announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2014

Joanna Greene made a motion to approve the minutes. Jennifer Becker seconded. The minutes from September 8, 2014 were approved.

4.0 Update on Planning for Progress in Cook County

Jennifer Miller, Program Manager at the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development (BED), gave an update about the County's dual-track comprehensive planning process. The presentation can be found [here](#). The process will guide funding requests, investments, and partnerships over the next five years around community development, affordable housing, and economic development. The collaborative process will result in the development of a new [Consolidated Plan \(Con Plan\)](#) and [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy \(CEDS\)](#). Public comment for Planning for Progress can be made [here](#) until December 5, 2014.

5.0 Update on Comprehensive Plan for the City of Chicago Heights

Kendra Smith, CMAP staff, updated the committee about the comprehensive plan for the City of Chicago Heights, located in southern Cook County. This plan will address land use and development, economic growth, open space programming, infrastructure improvements, and image and identity.

Ms. Smith shared that the planning process for the comprehensive plan started in March 2013, and the first draft of the plan is expected to be complete during December 2014. There was discussion about whether Chicago Heights will be positioned to take advantage of the Planning for Progress funding. Ms. Smith explained that Chicago Heights is an entitlement community and therefore receives a certain percentage of funding from Cook County; however, the City will be looking to secure additional funding for projects from the County. During the presentation, Ms. Smith highlighted that fifteen plans have preceded the current comprehensive planning process. The committee was curious about the impetus for these plans, questioned what makes the comprehensive plan different. Ms. Smith explained how the previous plans lacked cohesion and focused on large projects that have not come into fruition. She also mentioned that during this process, the project staff has engaged the plans' sponsors to encourage them to operate from one plan instead of the individual plans.

6.0 Update on Immigrant Integration Toolkit

Ricardo Lopez, CMAP staff, will give an overview of the [Immigrant Integration Toolkit](#), which can assist municipalities in addressing changing demographics at the local level. It presents a variety of ways other municipalities have successfully dealt with integration through improved health outcomes, economic mobility, enhanced civic participation, and a culture of inclusiveness. The toolkit examines demographics, civic engagement, public safety, health services, workforce and economic development, language access, and housing.

7.0 Other Business

Eira Corral announced that the Illinois Welcoming Center has [opened](#) in Hanover Park.

Jennifer Clary announced that Census Bureau has released national poverty statistics and state-level poverty estimates. The Social IMPACT Research Center will soon release a [fact sheet](#) on this new poverty data.

8.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9.0 Next Meeting

The Human and Community Development Committee is scheduled to meet next on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.