



## Land Use Working Committee

### Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

9:00 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, Illinois

**Members Present:** Mark VanKerkhoff (Vice-Chair), Judy Beck, Robert Cole, Paul Lauricella, Steve Lazzara (for Curt Paddock), Robert McKenna, Mark Muenzer, Paul Rickelman, Heather Tabbert, Nathaniel Werner, James Wilson (for Susan Campbell), Adrienne Wuellner, Ruth Wuorenma, Angela Zubko.

**Members Absent:** Kristi DeLaurentiis, Lisa DiChiera, Michael Kowski, Ed Paesel (Chair), Arnold Randall, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Smith, Todd Vanadilok, Eric Waggoner, Nancy Williamson.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Patricia Berry, Brian Daly, Bob Dean.

**Others Present:** Brian Hacker (Metra), Natalie Kubik (Will County), Christopher Toth (Kane County), Mike Walczak (NWMC).

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Mark VanKerkhoff called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

On behalf of the committee, Vice-Chair Mark VanKerkhoff introduced new committee member Bob McKenna, from the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development (DPD).

Brian Daly, CMAP, announced the new season of the Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program, including some of the changes to the program.

Angela Zubko announced that she would be leaving Kendall County to accept a position with the Village of Bartlett.

### **3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – March 18, 2015**

A motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2015, was made by Than Werner and seconded by Rob Cole. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **4.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program: Local Match Requirements for LTA Program – Bob Dean, CMAP**

The recent evaluation of the LTA program highlighted the importance of local commitment. One recommended program change meant to increase local commitment is to assess a local match, beginning with the next call for projects in May of this year. (Recommendations for how to administer the local match are described in [this memo](#).)

One member asked about the match requirements for applicants located in wealthier areas but which may have very small staffs. Bob responded that, unlike local income, the new system does not focus on staff size to determine the percentage of the match required.

Another member asked about park districts, which often have very low budgets. Bob responded that this kind of evaluation of each park district was not really included in the new match requirement process.

This member also suggested to track (and survey) progress one year in. Bob answered that CMAP is always trying to find a way to do this.

One member wondered about the match being returned into funding for implementation. Bob responded that CMAP is thinking of this (i.e. putting into escrow), but CMAP will not be ready to do that in the first year.

Another member voiced a concern about whether some municipalities won't be able to commit funding (because of timing of the municipality's funding cycle). A different committee member seconded this concern. Bob responded that CMAP understands that this could be a problem, but CMAP doesn't think that this will prevent most communities, because the match amount is relatively small. The first committee member also mentioned an additional concern related to State funding cuts underway in Illinois.

Heather Tabbert from the RTA explained that the RTA already required a local match for their similar assistance programs, but not for implementation projects.

### **5.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program: Fox River Corridor Plan – Brian Daly, CMAP**

CMAP is working with the Villages of Algonquin and Carpentersville on a corridor plan to increase access to the Fox River, improve water quality, and enhance the downtown area of each community. The [Fox River Corridor Plan](#) was inspired by the recently completed LTA plans for Downtown Algonquin and Old Town Carpentersville, both of which include recommendations to enhance recreational use of and access to the Fox River. The upcoming plan will focus on safe walking and bicycling connections along the riverfront, connections to regional trails and open space, access to water-based recreation and environmental resources, and water quality. Brian provided more details on the project,

including some of the key findings from the existing conditions analysis.

One member mentioned that the City of Wilmington is going through the exact same issues with dam removal, and suggested that they could be very helpful in providing guidance and lessons learned.

Another member asked about whether the project team has thought about mixing uses, and providing businesses that would appeal to both families and adults (serving alcohol, etc.). Brian responded that there aren't really enough bars and restaurants for this to be an issue in this project.

One member asked if the team has studied any areas subjected to frequent flooding. Brian responded that with steep bluffs and natural areas there hasn't been a lot of flooding in developed areas.

A member asked if drinking water was a concern. Brian responded that this hasn't been a primary issue.

Another member asked whether there was bike and canoe rental. Brian answered that there is bike rental, but not canoe rental yet—although there is significant interest, especially in recruiting businesses to do this. A member added that there is canoe rental in Yorkville, which might be a good model (or business to contact).

Mark VanKerkhoff mentioned that research by Kane County and CMAP for the LTA project in Carpentersville revealed that this is one of the most highly-used trails (and one of busiest parts of the trail). He added that it might be good to focus on what parcels or land use areas are likely to change (as is sometimes done in Homes for a Changing Region projects).

## **6.0 Transit-Oriented Development Resident Survey Results Report – Heather Tabbert, RTA**

There is limited research in the Chicago region identifying which factors motivate people to move to a transit-oriented development (TOD). This research is necessary to inform and enhance planning for TOD areas. In early 2014, the RTA administered a 32-question online survey that was sent to 38,000+ residents who live within a ½ mile radius of 14 suburban transit stations. The results provide a better understanding of why individuals chose to live in a TOD area and how their travel habits differ from when they lived at their previous residence. The survey also collected information about how the availability of transit service and living in a TOD area may impact lifestyle choices and travel behaviors. This information can help inform local planning and land use decisions. Heather provided an overview of the [survey's findings](#).

One member asked if the survey revealed how many people moved within the same community. Heather responded that they were not able to isolate people

moving from non-TOD to TOD areas.

The member also asked if the survey found a relationship between areas of dense commercial and the amount of parking that was available. Heather responded that this was not included in the survey.

Another member asked whether TOD areas chosen included tradition, well-established TOD areas. Heather responded that the survey included a mix.

A member suggested asking about the time and length of their commute.

Mark Muenzer thanked the RTA for the data, mentioning that it was helpful as Evanston recently passed its first development without parking.

A member asked whether the survey asked about age and gender. Heather responded that it did not.

Another member asked whether the survey asked about schools and housing amenities. Heather answered that while the survey did not ask about these things directly, they came up in some of the responses.

One member commented that the map of where people worked, before and after, was especially interesting to him.

#### **7.0 Other Business**

Judy Beck provided an announcement about the regional tree initiative (called "Oaktober"), and wondered whether the committee would be interested in a presentation about how to complete a tree survey and ordinance (NOTE: this was later scheduled as an agenda item for the May 20 committee meeting).

#### **8.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **9.0 Next Meeting**

The committee was scheduled to meet next on May 20, 2015.

#### **10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Liaison  
May 15, 2015