



## Land Use Working Committee

### Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

9:00 a.m.

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

**Members Present:** Ed Paesel (Chair), Judy Beck, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Michael Kowski, Paul Lauricella, Steve Lazzara (for Curt Paddock), Robert McKenna, Mark Muenzer, Paul Rickelman, Heather Tabbert, Todd Vanadilok, Nathaniel Werner, James Wilson (for Susan Campbell), Adrienne Wuellner, Ruth Wuorenma.

**Members Absent:** Lisa DiChiera, Arnold Randall, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Smith, Mark VanKerkhoff (Vice-Chair), Eric Waggoner, Nancy Williamson.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Lindsay Bayley, Kate Evasic, Tom Kotarac, Brian Peterson, Elizabeth Schuh, Tina Smith, Simone Weil.

**Others Present:** Lindsay Darling (Morton Arboretum), Brian Hacker (Metra), Mike Klemens (WCGL), Lydia Scott (Morton Arboretum), Jonathan Styz (Will County).

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

Stephen Ostrander announced two committee members had departed the CMAP Land Use Committee. Rob Cole (Village of Oak Park), due to taking a new position with the Village of Scarsdale, NY, and Angela Zubko (Kendall County), due to taking a new position with the Village of Bartlett.

#### 3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – April 15, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2015, was made by Paul Lauricella and seconded by Judy Beck. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### 4.0 Urban Forestry Management Plans and Ordinances – Lindsay Darling and Lydia Scott, Morton Arboretum

Lindsay Darling (Co-Chair of the Forest Composition Analysis) and Lydia Scott (Director,

Chicago Region Trees Initiative) presented information on their work to assist communities across the region to develop urban forestry management plans and ordinances which will preserve, protect and enhance our urban forest and green infrastructure (presentation [here](#)).

One member asked whether they were able to get species data from LIDAR data. Lindsay responded that you can't, so they're getting this from other local 2010 data sources at the county level, but they would like to be able to get it at the local community level.

Another member asked about whether they are looking at passage of different species (i.e. animals) between areas. Lindsay answered that while they are not, the Field Museum is.

A member asked about other areas that have pursued these studies. Lydia answered that Baltimore and the Chesapeake Bay region, along with Portland and Eugene in Oregon.

Another member asked how they are reaching out to public works departments. Lydia responded that they regularly send out a newsletter along with information about funding opportunities. She noted that many public works departments are overwhelmed, so they've tried to up conversations with elected officials, and by doing this, they've experienced some success.

A member asked how many communities have an arborist on staff. Lydia answered that many do, especially in Chicago and communities in Cook County.

A member spoke about the importance of increasing the diversity of trees. In response, Lydia talked about the "double whammy" of the economic downturn and the damage done by the emerald ash borer.

Another member asked whether there is any possibility for Morton Arboretum to help communities that do not have an arborist on staff. Lydia answered yes, and noted that they are already doing that now. She mentioned that they also have a mentoring program, with urban forestry management training which connects experienced arborists with communities, and the only cost to participants is lunch; they are having their next such training in August in Schaumburg.

A member asked how interested communities can tap into this data. Lindsay responded that they are currently working on this, but they are focused on getting the data out. Cook County data is already done and available through CMAP; the whole seven county region will be done by September.

## **5.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program: UIC Multimodal Transportation Plan – Lindsay Bayley, CMAP**

CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program and the [Active Transportation Alliance](#) are helping UIC embark on an interactive, community-based process to create a [multimodal transportation plan](#). The transportation recommendations of [UIC's 2010](#)

[Campus Master Plan](#) will serve as the framework to examine current conditions and plan future improvements. The intent of the multimodal transportation plan is to improve the flow of pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles in and around campus to better serve the needs of all travelers, including people with disabilities. Lindsay provided an overview of the project (presentation [here](#)).

A committee member asked Lindsay whether there was anything in the existing campus master plan that surprised them or that they used. Lindsay responded that nothing really surprised them, but the master plan is relatively recent and was therefore very helpful and relevant to their work.

Another member asked if there will be a new wayfinding plan for the university, and Lindsay responded that this was a key part of the recommendations and work on next steps is already underway.

#### **6.0 Regional Economic Indicators site update – Brian Peterson, CMAP**

In July 2014, CMAP launched its [Regional Economic Indicators](#) microsite. Brian provided an update on subsequent updates to the site and highlight recent in-depth analysis (presentation [here](#)).

One committee member comment concerned the relationship between economic growth and transit (e.g. the Metra Electric Line), particularly in regard to helping predict future commuting patterns. This member recommended that the findings should be presented to the transit service boards. He also contended that more granular data is needed, and wondered whether this could be a future LTA project.

#### **7.0 Other Business**

The committee discussed options for a committee “field trip,” as has been done in previous years. The agreed-upon options were the following: (1) Will County intermodal facilities (beginning in Joliet), (2) a tour of the 606/Bloomington Trail, and (3) Joining the APA-CMS’s planned tour titled “The Kid-Friendly Loop.”

Stephen said her would create an online survey for committee members that included explanations of these options.

#### **8.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **9.0 Next Meeting**

The committee was scheduled to meet next on June 17, 2015.

#### **10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Liaison  
June 12, 2015