



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item No. 3.0

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### Land Use Working Committee

#### Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

9:00 a.m.

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

**Members Present:** Ed Paesel (Chair), Judy Beck, Tom Chefalo (for Eric Waggoner), Lisa DiChiera, Paul Lauricella, Mark Muenzer, Arnold Randall, Heather Smith, Heather Tabbert, Todd Vanadilok, Nathaniel Werner, James Wilson (for Susan Campbell), Adrienne Wuellner.

**Members Absent:** Kristi DeLaurentiis, Michael Kowski, Robert McKenna, Curt Paddock, Paul Rickelman, Dennis Sandquist, Mark VanKerkhoff (Vice-Chair), Nancy Williamson, Ruth Wuorenma.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Kristin Ihnchak, Tom Kotarac, John O'Neal, Elizabeth Schuh, Louise Yeung.

**Others Present:** Brigid Hanley (Pace), Mike Klemens (WCGL), Natalie Kubik (Will County), Jonathan Styz (Will County).

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

#### 3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – May 20, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2015, was made by Than Werner and seconded by Adrienne Wuellner. All in favor, the motion carried.

#### 4.0 Next Comprehensive Regional Plan – Kristin Ihnchak, CMAP

To continue the preliminary efforts conducted over the past year, CMAP staff are beginning development of the next comprehensive regional plan in earnest over the 2016 fiscal year. Development of the next plan will build upon the foundation established in GO TO 2040 by seeking to refine the plan's major policy objectives in a manner that is supportive of the agency's core land use and transportation responsibilities, as well as identifying limited new policy directions that are complementary to CMAP's role.

More specific policies and recommendations may address both the granularity in the

current plan's policies as well as expand to geographically-oriented approaches for some policy areas. New and refined policy directions are expected to be explored through the creation of topical strategy papers, while the development of data-driven snapshots will define the region's existing conditions and trends.

Kristin described the overall planning process and timeline, snapshots, and strategy papers to be developed this year, and expected touch points for the Land Use Committee.

One committee member encouraged CMAP to look at agriculture in two ways: both preservation of current agricultural land and opportunities to convert current developed land into new agricultural land. She also said she would like to see watersheds used as a level of level of analysis (beginning with consideration and selection of relevant applications).

Committee Chair Ed Paesel asked about the coordination of the committee's upcoming field trip, expected to take place in September—since Kristin indicated that she would be interested in speaking again with the committee before October.

#### **5.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program: Rosemont Comprehensive Plan – Louise Yeung, CMAP**

The Village of Rosemont is situated in proximity to the City of Chicago and O'Hare International Airport, making it a prime location for residents and businesses and a gateway for visitors entering the city of Chicago. Incorporated in 1956, Rosemont is home to a relatively small number of residents but attracts as many as 50,000 visitors on a daily basis for employment and entertainment purposes. CMAP has assisted the Village in the creation of its first comprehensive plan since 1977. Louise provided an overview, focusing on unique aspects of the project, which was nearing its completion at the time of her presentation.

One committee member asked what Rosemont does at times of big events and associated high levels of traffic. Louise answered that Rosemont has a system of using reserves to help with traffic direction, etc.

Another member noted that businesses in Rosemont appear to be the main party footing the bills, and asked whether they are ok with this. Louise responded that their primary concern is improving the community's current problems with congestion (which was a main focus of the plan CMAP helped develop).

A member asked about who Rosemont is looking to provide/take care of community facilities and services. Louise answered that some residents indicated that they thought that Rosemont should expand these, but the Village appears to be less interested and has a significant number of intergovernmental agreements with the City of Des Plaines.

Another member asked about the ease of transit access to businesses, convention centers, etc. Louise responded that there are some shuttles in Rosemont, but there are no shuttles or

transit to the Allstate Arena, along with poor access in the northern part of the Village (where there are also some residents who do not own cars).

A member asked whether the plan included consideration of any potential impact by the western expansion of O'Hare airport. Louise responded that this did not emerge as a significant issue during the development of the plan.

Another member asked whether the plan looked at the relationship between Rosemont's CTA station and a nearby exit of the Jane Addams Tollway. Louise answered that they didn't, but that the RTA's Blue Line study is looking at this.

A member asked whether the plan development process included any involvement by or engagement of surrounding communities. Louise answered that, as is typical in other LTA projects, they were focused on engaging the community for which was the focus of this plan; they did, however, engage the Cook County Forest Preserve. The member understood, but thought that engagement of surrounding communities would be helpful.

Lisa DiChiera of Landmarks Illinois mentioned the organization's registry of important mid-century architecture, noting that are properties in Rosemont that are on this list.

#### **6.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program: Complete Streets Toolkit – John O'Neal, CMAP**

Complete Streets is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel and access for all anticipated roadway users, regardless of their age, abilities, or mode of travel. In collaboration with the Active Transportation Alliance, and the National Complete Streets Coalition, CMAP has created a new toolkit that is a guide for incorporating a Complete Streets approach into local planning, design, and construction processes and documents. John provided an overview and answered questions.

A committee member suggested that a half-day workshop teaching community about how to use the toolkit would be a good idea. John responded that previously they had done two and three-day courses, but they haven't done any in about two years. He also mentioned that the Active Transportation Alliance (ATA) is doing a full-day course, which was expected to take place in September.

Another member asked how much the toolkit concerned off-street trails. John answered that it touched on this.

A member asked about the images used in the toolkit, and whether they can be re-used by other people. John indicated that folks should look to the National Complete Streets Flickr account, which he reported has a wealth of images that can be used.

Another member asked whether the toolkit talks about shared street strategies (allowing automobiles, but primarily designed for pedestrians). John answered that the toolkit doesn't really cover those strategies to a significant degree.

A member suggested providing printed copies (since it is primarily intended as an online resource) to engineers in municipalities.

A member of the audience asked about associated costs. John responded that the toolkit includes a footnote with a link to this information (the information is located here: <http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/data/library/details.cfm?id=4876>

A committee member asked if this resources was going to be shared with IDOT. John responded that they had already shared it with them.

#### **7.0 Other Business**

Stephen Ostrander announced that the committee's recent survey revealed a preference for touring the 606/Bloomingdale Trail for this year's committee field trip.

#### **8.0 Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **9.0 Next Meeting**

The committee was scheduled to meet next on July 15, 2015 [NOTE: this meeting was later cancelled and rescheduled to August 19, 2015].

#### **10.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Liaison  
August 14, 2015