



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Agenda Item No. 3.0

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Land Use Working Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 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, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Paul Lauricella, Robert McKenna, Mark Muenzer, Curt Paddock, Paul Rickelman, Dennis Sandquist, Heather Tabbert, Nathaniel Werner, Nancy Williamson, Adrienne Wuellner.
- Members Absent:** Susan Campbell, Lisa DiChiera, Michael Kowski, Ed Paesel (Chair), Arnold Randall, Heather Smith, Todd Vanadilok, Eric Waggoner, Ruth Wuorenma.
- Staff Present:** Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Erin Aleman, Patrick Day, Joe Szabo, Andres Torres, Louise Yeung.
- Others Present:** John Hedrick (Chaddick Institute), Mike Walczak (NWMC).
- 1.0 Call to Order**
Mark VanKerkhoff called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
- 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements**
It was announced that the order of agenda items 5.0 and 6.0 would be switched.
- 3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – June 17, 2015**
A motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2015, was made by Judy Beck and seconded by Adrienne Wuellner. All in favor, the motion carried.
- 4.0 Introduction by CMAP's New Executive Director – Joe Szabo, CMAP**
Joe came by to introduce himself to the committee and answer any initial questions committee members had for him.
- 5.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program: DuPage County Government Center Sustainability Best Practices Guide – Louise Yeung, CMAP**
The DuPage County government has implemented initiatives addressing energy efficiency, pollutant runoff, native landscaping, and low-carbon fuels to green its Government Center county campus. Straddling Wheaton and Winfield, the 190-acre campus presents significant opportunities to employ more sustainable practices including land

management, building efficiency, waste management, and procurement.

To identify more robust sustainability strategies that the County can undertake, the County government is developing a best practices guide with support from CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. Building off of the County's past and current efforts, the guide will highlight innovative best practices in green building, water conservation, environmental health, ecosystem management, transportation, and educational programs from other campus institutions. Louise provided committee members with an overview of the guide.

Paul Lauricella noted that he has been impressed since he started working for DuPage County how dedicated the County has been to these practices.

Another member asked whether the County has done any cost-savings analysis for these practices. Louise responded that for some areas (such as energy), CMAP and the County created a worksheet of indicators to help with this.

A member asked where the primary leadership came from for this initiative. Louise responded that it was Joy Hinz, environmental specialist for the County, and County Facilities Manager Tim Harbaugh, along with the County's Board.

One member asked if there was anything in the program that connects capital projects to funding that can help with retrofits that improve sustainability. Louise responded that CMAP did talk to the head of procurement to try to identify strategies to help facilitate this.

Another member asked whether geothermal was included. Louise answered that it was, but it can be very expensive for retrofit—as opposed to new (another committee member disputed this, based upon her municipality's experience with it). The member then asked whether the guide considered greywater use (although is not currently permitted by Illinois law). Louise responded that they didn't really focus on this since the project was focused on what the County most wanted to address.

A member asked about whether a comprehensive toolkit that provided guidance based upon site specific criteria could be developed. Louise suggested looking at CMAP's sustainability indicators guide, but thought that this could be a good idea.

Stephen Ostrander asked about how this work might feed into the next regional plan. Louise answered that many of these considerations were not really in Go To 2040, but since the next regional plan is expected to be more geographically-based, it will have more relevance (for example, looking at the co-benefits of green infrastructure, as well as building upon sustainability work within LTA projects).

Mark VanKerkhoff mentioned that he thought it could be effective to connect sustainability planning to issues of health, since this is something that a wide variety of people can get behind.

6.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program: Committee Review of This Year's Applications – Erin Aleman, CMAP

In response to the [new round of applications to the LTA program](#), CMAP asked committee members to review the applications and come to the Aug 19 meeting with feedback—especially any background knowledge that would help CMAP as it chose which projects to pursue.

One member noticed that there were no applications from Kendall County, and asked whether CMAP had received any in the past. Erin responded that there have been some in the past, but perhaps it would be helpful to have some additional outreach to the County in future years, as CMAP did this year in Will County with the Will County Governmental League.

Another member commented that it would be helpful for CMAP to note which communities have participated in the LTA program before.

A member suggested that it might be helpful to have a workshop with several communities to help them figure out if they need a bike plan (or something else), because doing so might lead to better quality applications in the future.

Another member asked whether there was overlap between the CDOT application and the Riverdale application. Erin responded that there was, and that CMAP has encouraged (the non-CDOT applicant) to be part of the CDOT project.

One member commented on the Metropolitan Planning Council's Great Rivers application, noting that she thought that it should have included consideration of watersheds in its approach.

A member asked whether Cook County's project focused on unincorporated areas is supposed to serve as a template for other unincorporated areas in the County. Erin responded that it was.

Mark Muenzer noted that if the Wilmette's application was selected, Evanston would be interested in playing a role in the project.

Noting Homer Glen's application for planning commissioner training, another member asked whether CMAP still did this. Erin explained that CMAP contracts with the APA to do eight trainings a year.

One member mentioned that he appreciated the four year summaries (which provided context). He also noted that he thought it was important for CMAP to continue to try to identify communities that are underserved and could be

helped by the LTA program.

7.0 Other Business

Stephen Ostrander mentioned that Judy Beck had forwarded information about a roundtable discussing tree boards and commissions taking place at the Morton Arboretum on October 7.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Next Meeting

In lieu of its regular meeting, the committee was scheduled to tour the 606/Bloomington Trail on September 16, 2015.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Ostrander". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Committee Liaison

October 15, 2015