



Economic Development Committee

Minutes

Monday, June 22, 2015,

9:30 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

Committee members present: Christine Sobek (chair, Waubonsee Community College), Lindsay Broughel (World Business Chicago), Peter Creticos (Institute for Work and the Economy), Joanna Greene (Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership), Katie Fitzpatrick (Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce), Rand Haas (Medusa Consulting), Emily Harris (Harris Strategies), Jason Keller (Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago), Judith Kossy (Policy Planning Partners), Kurtis Pozsgay (Berwyn Development Corporation), Lance Pressl (Institute for Work and the Economy), Nick Provenzano (McHenry County & Office of the Hon. Randall Hultgren, Member of Congress), Ed Sitar (ComEd),
By Phone: Kevin Kramer (Village of Hoffman Estates), Kelly O'Brian (Alliance for Regional Development), Carrie Thomas (Chicago Jobs Council)

Others present: Molly Capparelli (ComEd), Mike Clements (Will County Governmental League), Janell Jenson (McHenry Council of Mayors), Jennifer Ptak (Cook County)

Staff present: Bob Dean, Kristin Ihnchak, Tom Kotarac, Elizabeth Schuh, Simone Weil

1.0 Call to Order/Introductions

Committee chair Christine Sobek called the meeting to order at 9:34am.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No agenda changes were made.

At its June meeting, CMAP's board selected Joe Szabo as the agency's Executive Director. Szabo has served as a Senior Fellow at CMAP since January. He returned to the region after six years as US DOT Federal Railroad Administrator. Simone Weil welcomed a new committee member from the Ayom Siengo from the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago and Lindsay Broughel from World Business Chicago.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015 meeting was made and seconded, and with all in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Metro Metals Consortium project update

Jennifer Ptak provided an overview on the development of the Chicago Metro Metals Consortium (CMMC). The region is home to over 3,700 firms and 100,000 employees accounting for more than \$30 billion in annual revenues. CMMC received EDA designation as a manufacturing community in 2014, to support metals manufacturing and work collaborative to submit nine federal funding proposals and work collaboratively on issues such as workforce, infrastructure, trade, supplier networks, and research. Over the past year, CMMC has worked to build organizational capacity, conduct additional research and planning, increase private sector engagement, and access federal and other grants. Committee members asked questions about CMMC's partnerships, progress in partnering with businesses, and roles of makers spaces and co-working spaces.

Bob Dean, co-chair of the CMMC Infrastructure and Site Development subcommittee, discussed the group's recent TIGER application. Dean reviewed the process to identify potential projects, with sponsors (primarily counties) sharing priorities. The subcommittee analyzed the projects based on TIGER criteria and potential to support the metals cluster. Ultimately, the group unanimously endorsed a project along Touhy which would decrease roadway interference with rail and provide additional connectivity the area with the region's highest concentration of metals manufacturers. Committee members discussed tradeoffs considered in selecting a highly developed area as opposed to the other options. Additionally, some of the other projects reviewed were also submitted to the TIGER program, leveraging the data and analysis developed through the CMMC review process; however, those projects were not endorsed by CMMC.

5.0 Next Comprehensive Regional Plan and FY2016 Workplan

Liz Schuh updated the committee on the development of the next comprehensive regional plan. Staff has developed a timeline, identified the first round of existing conditions research, and developed opportunities for stakeholder engagement to augment efforts to address cross-cutting topics and new policy areas that significantly refine GO TO 2040 policies. Several topics will require Economic Development committee input throughout the year, these include: regional economic cluster; infill and transit oriented development trends; geographically-based regional planning strategies; comparative assessment of tax policies and land use trends; reinvestment and infill strategies; climate resilience; inclusive growth; and, undeveloped, agricultural, and natural areas. Committee members discussed the potential scope of projects, as that is still being defined by staff and the time horizon of the plan, which must be a minimum of 20 years per federal regulations.

6.0 Green Infrastructure Vision

Louise Yeung briefed the committee on the development and findings of the region's Green Infrastructure Vision (GIV). The GIV is a spatial data tool developed through a collaborative, consensus-based process with Chicago Wilderness to identify

conservation and restoration priorities. The tool provides rich data about landscape types (forests, prairies, wetlands, water bodies), unfragmented ecosystems, and connective corridors. The project quantified, to the extent possible, the contributions of various types of green infrastructure to the regional economy and quality of life in the hopes of informing planning, conservation, and restoration decisions across the region's diverse communities. The ecosystem services were analyzed with valuations of products like crops and drinking water, regulating services like flood protection and pest control, supporting services like oxygen production and habitat provision, and cultural experiences like educational and aesthetic values. Committee members discussed potential applications and use for economic developers and potential modifications for the next iteration, including the addition of some local resources like municipal parks.

7.0 Other Business

Simone Weil provided a brief oral update on the Regional Economic Indicators project and shared two related policy updates included in the committee's packet. The first policy update analyzed challenges and opportunities in the region's freight system, building off of CMAP's freight analysis, providing additional economic framing. The second policy update analyzed the metropolitan-level population estimates released by the Census Bureau. The research found declining population growth in the CMAP region, provided context for the trends with comparisons to other large metropolitan statistical areas (MSA), drilled down into drivers of population change at the county-level for metropolitan Chicago, and other factors including, birth, deaths, net domestic migration, and net international migration.

8.0 Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

9.0 Next meeting

The Economic Development Committee is scheduled to meet next on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 9:30am at the recently opened Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation Institute on Goose Island in Chicago.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Simone Weil