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Housing Committee

Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
DuPage County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members

Present:

Nancy Firfer- Chair, Allison Clements-Co-chair, Rob Anthony, Cigdem Cicekoglu (for Wendell Harris), Sarah Duda, Benjamin Fenton, Patricia Fron, Noelle Gilbreath (for Stacie Young), Jane Hornstein, Richard Koenig, Rosa Ortiz, Megan N. Spitz, Lakeshia Wright

Absent:

Alan Banks, Rob Breymaier, Lakesha Brown, Adam Dontz, Juliana Gonzalez-Crussi, Sharon Gorrell, Michael Horsting, Christine Kolb, Valerie Kretchmer, Carrol Roark, Jolene Saul, Andrew Williams-Clark

Staff Present:

Jonathan Burch, Maggie Jarr, Melissa Porter, Marisa Prasse, Elizabeth Schuh, Joe Szabo

1.0 Call to Order

Committee Co-Chair Nancy Firfer called the meeting to order at approximately 9:20 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Marisa Prasse made a short announcement about the 2016 Future Leaders in Planning (FLIP) program and encouraged committee members to circulate information about the program.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-Thursday February 18, 2016

Following a motion and a second, the members present unanimously approved the minutes.

4.0 Next regional plan: Reinvestment and infill strategy paper

CMAP staff member Elizabeth Schuh introduced the work of the Reinvestment and Infill Strategy Paper. GO TO 2040 broadly sought "to direct investment toward strengthening existing communities and find opportunities to encourage new development and redevelopment in livable communities that are denser and designed for mixed uses." This project is exploring refinements to that recommendation. Ms. Schuh presented on findings

thus far, including the definition of area types that are important for reinvestment. Committee members discussed how it would be important to assess progress on goals for TOD/COD and lessons learned from experiences advancing such priorities over the life of GO TO 2040.

5.0 Next regional comprehensive plan: Housing supply and affordability strategy paper

CMAP staff member Jonathan Burch presented on the housing supply and affordability strategy paper, highlighting a number of factors that could be included in a definition of “well-balanced housing supply.” The committee discussed whether or not “well-balanced housing supply” was the right language to define the broad goal of regional housing efforts, stressing a number of issues: the focus should be on supply rather than demand, whether the optimal balance of housing supply can ever truly be measured with accuracy, and that the best definition will be outcome focused. Members went on to discuss barriers to housing development in the region, including political and community acceptance, taxation, inequality, and zoning. Most importantly, a number of members highlighted the lack of common agreement that “well-balanced housing supply” is a good thing, both locally and regionally.

6.0 Other Business

Rosa Ortiz introduced the upcoming eTOD Laboratory event, a partnership between The Center for Neighborhood Technology and Enterprise Community Partners. The event will be on Thursday May 19 between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm at CMAP.

7.0 Public Comment

Andrea Juracek of Housing Choice Partners commented that building interest in some communities could be advanced by concentrated advertising efforts, similar to what Berwyn has done.

Garland Armstrong of Access Living commented that when thinking about housing choice in the region, CMAP should make sure to work with Access Living.

8.0 Next Meeting

The housing committee is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m., and with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Burch, Committee Liaison