



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

233 South Wacker Drive
Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

312 454 0400
www.cmap.illinois.gov

Housing Committee

Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2016

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

Committee Members

Present:

Rob Anthony, Rob Breymaier, Sarah Duda, Benjamin Fenton, Patricia Fron, Noelle Gilbreath (for Stacie Young), Sharon Gorrell, Michael Horsting, Christine Kolb, Valerie Kretchmer, Rosa Ortiz, Jolene Saul, Andrew Williams-Clark

Absent:

Nancy Firfer- Chair, Allison Clements-Co-chair, Alan Banks, Lakesha Brown, Adam Dontz, Juliana Gonzalez-Crussi, Wendell Harris, Jane Hornstein, Richard Koenig, Carrol Roark, Lakeshia Wright

Staff Present:

Jonathan Burch, Maggie Jarr, Tony Mano, Jacki Murdock, Elizabeth Oo, Elizabeth Schuh, Joe Szabo

1.0 Call to Order

Committee member Andrew Williams-Clark called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

None.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes-Thursday February 18, 2016

Following a motion by Andrew Williams-Clark and a second by Rob Anthony, the members present unanimously approved the minutes.

4.0 ON TO 2050: Demographics snapshot

As a part of ON TO 2050, staff is preparing a Demographics Snapshot, which will provide an overview of trends in population growth, age, race/ethnicity, immigration, and other characteristics. CMAP staff member Jacki Murdock presented initial findings from the analysis.

5.0 Next regional plan: Reinvestment and infill strategy paper

CMAP staff member Tony Mano presented on findings thus far, including definition of area types that are important for reinvestment and identification of broad barriers and strategies to promote reinvestment in the region's communities. Committee members asked whether a Berwyn-type marketing campaign could be a good strategy for some of the topics. CMAP staff agreed, but also noted the need to do such marketing subregionally and that marketing efforts should include notifying developers about local planning outcomes. Committee members discussed how the unpredictability of local governmental processes can be a major barrier; the need for efforts to not just focus on community opposition in strong markets, but also in distressed areas; the role of intra-jurisdictional collaboration to streamline permitting processes and code requirements; and the innovative infrastructure funding supported by CDBG in Lake County.

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

CMAP staff member Jonathan Burch reviewed the content of the housing supply and affordability memo circulated in advance of the meeting, defining housing choice and identifying additional barriers to housing choice in the region. Members noted the need to think about the geography associated with housing choice and the need to eventually implement it at a subregional level. Some members commented on the seemingly utopian nature of the language and the challenge of meeting such language without a definition work basic housing needs. Other recommended highlighting, rather than masking, issues facing protected classes in the current definition, including segregation.

Members also provided recommended changes to the barriers to housing choice in the region, such as the need to identify how rental units can benefit communities and the role that renters, landlords, and the local government pay in that outcome. Multiple members called out the need to better identify barriers related to private market financing as a barrier, including financing for small rental building rehabilitation and access to credit for some households.

7.0 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.

8.0 Public Comment

Garland Armstrong of Access Living commented that the housing supply and affordability memo would be very interesting to Access Living and that we should reach out to that organization, particularly for an upcoming Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing meeting.

9.0 Next Meeting

The housing committee is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

10.0 Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Burch, Committee Liaison