



Land Use Working Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

9:00 a.m.

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

Members Present: Ed Paesel (Chair), Judy Beck, Thomas Chefalo (for Eric Waggoner), Lisa DiChiera, Paul Lauricella, Steve Lazzara (for Curt Paddock), Mark Muenzer, Paul Rickelman, Heather Smith, Heather Tabbert, Todd Vanadilok, Nathaniel Werner, Adrienne Wuellner.

Members Absent: Susan Campbell, Kristi DeLaurentiis, Michael Kowski, Robert McKenna, Arnold Randall, Dennis Sandquist, Mark VanKerkhoff (Vice-Chair), Nancy Williamson, Ruth Wuorenma.

Staff Present: Stephen Ostrander (committee liaison), Jonathan Burch, Jane Grover, Kristin Ihnchak, Tom Kotarac, Jacquelyn Murdock, Jason Navota, Elizabeth Schuh, Andres Torres.

Others Present: Elaine Bottomley (WCGL), Brian Hacker (Metra), Mike Klemens (WCGL).

1.0 Call to Order

Ed Paesel called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of the Meeting Notes – December 2, 2015

A motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2015, was made by Paul Rickelman and seconded by Judy Beck. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Next Regional Plan: Engagement and Voting Opportunities – Kristin Ihnchak, CMAP

The next long-range plan is scheduled to be adopted in fall 2018. Staff has identified several opportunities in the interceding years for the Board and the MPO Policy Committee to formally vote to approve interim products, as described in the memo included with this month's meeting materials. Kristin provided an overview.

A member suggested that it would be good to convene different groups together (for example, groups focused on conservation issues) for a peer-to-peer exchange of ideas. Kristin responded that CMAP is planning opportunities of this nature and added that specific suggestions should be forwarded to Jane Grover (CMAP's new head of Outreach).

Steve Lazzara noted that Will County has developed a regular Will County Planners Lunch, which typically gathers 25-30 people. He asked whether someone from the next regional plan team would like to come speak to it. Kristin and Jane Grover said they would.

(Mark Muenzer noted that Jane Grover used to be an alderman for the City of Evanston, and based on his experience working with her in the past, CMAP can expect great things from her.)

- 5.0 Next Regional Plan: Inclusive Growth Strategy Paper** – Jacki Murdock, CMAP
CMAP is exploring new topic areas for the next comprehensive regional plan, one of which is inclusive growth. Inclusive growth aims to ensure that economic growth and prosperity are shared across all segments of the population. Building on CMAP's core transportation and land use planning responsibilities, CMAP will outline and evaluate potential strategies and policy directions that will build towards a more inclusive regional economy. Jacki provided a preview of inclusive growth and agency activities underway to develop a strategy paper on this topic.

A member asked whether the team had considered including property tax burden and quality of schools as factors. Jacki responded that first they are going to focus on the demographics of individual populations, but in FY17 they will be looking at broader topics such as that.

Another member asked whether the team was considering including a health impact assessment approach. Liz Schuh responded that they are considering including HIA as an approach (but haven't yet decided).

A member asked how the team came up with the term "vulnerable populations" — i.e. what makes these groups more "vulnerable" than others? (Another member later seconded this question/concern.) Jacki responded that the term is a common term used in discussions related to matters such as income, but she acknowledged that there are certainly a wide variety of groups who could be considered "vulnerable."

This same member asked whether the team is focusing on just the present or also the future. For example, the pension issue suggests that *age* might be an appropriate and important category to consider. Jacki responded that those sorts of considerations are expected in later stages of the team's work.

Another member asked whether the team plans to update populations included in analysis if the next Census identifies additional/new populations. Jacki answered that the team hasn't fully formulated the strategy for this yet, but they expect to follow and be influenced by considerations such as this.

A member suggested that taking an *asset*—based approach might be useful, and noted that Northwestern University has used this approach with some success. Another member added that focusing on locations with “opportunities for growth” might be a good approach.

A member stated that it needs to not just be an appeal to altruism (for communities not facing the same problems) but underscoring the potential threat to the entire region.

Another member noted that it is important to keep in mind that many “vulnerable” populations may actually live in unincorporated areas, but still use libraries and municipal services.

6.0 Local Technical Assistance Program: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Boone, McHenry, and Winnebago Counties – Jonathan Burch, CMAP

Through the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation, McHenry County has partnered with Boone County and Winnebago County to develop a multi-county Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). A CEDS aims to unify the public and private sectors through the development of a targeted strategy to expand and strengthen local and regional economies. Such plans often identify important industrial clusters and then consider ways in which to boost the competitiveness of these industries, such as workforce development needs and priority infrastructure projects.

CMAP's support, provided through its Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program, is focused on the McHenry portion of the CEDS. The Rockford Region Economic Development District is receiving funds from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to support development of the regional plan, with their efforts focusing heavily on Boone and Winnebago and regional matters. Northern Illinois University is providing technical assistance for the Boone/Winnebago component. The final project will be one plan for submission to the EDA. Jonathan provided an overview of the plan.

A member asked about the reason for ComEd's regional workforce program. Jonathan answered that it grew out of outreach efforts to their business customers.

Another member asked if the team found McHenry County starting to identify

more with Rockford than Chicago. Jonathan answered that it seems to clearly still identify more with Chicago. They noticed that parts of Boone and Winnebago Counties closely identified with McHenry County (due to employers/jobs located there).

A member asked about linkages between GO TO 2040 policies and topics in this project. Jonathan answered that while Boone and Winnebago Counties were of course not part of GO TO 2040, the principles of GO TO 2040 were certainly included in recommendations pertaining to McHenry County.

Another member asked about collaboration with counties just to the north in Wisconsin. Jonathan responded that the relationship certainly came up as an issue and was something the plan recommended looking into further.

A member asked about the strategy's interest in developing a new regional organization. Jonathan responded that was mainly relevant to Boone and Winnebago Counties.

Another member asked if there was a university-based group that could be brought in to help further define and implement the strategies. Jonathan responded that a local university was expected to help with implementation of the recommendations, especially some of the "live here/work here" recommendations.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

8.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Next Meeting

The committee was scheduled to next meet on February 17, 2016.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Liaison

February 11, 2016