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Housing Committee

Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2017

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

Committee Members Present: Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Jennifer Chan, Allison Clements (co-chair), Sarah Delgado, Sarah Duda, Benjamin Fenton, Nancy Firfer (co-chair), Sharon Gorrell, Michael Horsting, Christine Kolb, Valerie Kretchmer, Rosa Ortiz

Absent: Rob Anthony, Alan Banks, Rob Breymaier, Lakesha Brown, Paul Coglean, Adam Dontz, Juliana Gonzalez-Crussi, Richard Koenig, Andrew Williams-Clark, Lakeshia Wright, Staci Young, Art Zwemke

Staff Present: Jonathan Burch, Bob Dean, Maggie Jarr, Elizabeth Oo, Elizabeth Schuh, Elizabeth Scott

1.0 Call to Order

Committee Chair Nancy Firfer called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Overview and Changes.

No changes were made to the circulated agenda.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes: January, 19, 2017

The members present unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

4.0 ON TO 2050 Plan Development Update

Elizabeth Schuh gave an overview of [January's ON TO 2050 update memo](#). Since the volume of work associated with plan development is too large for every committee to learn about every component individually, this bi-monthly memo provides a brief status update on all major ongoing elements of plan development, including links to recent presentations and interim or final products when available

5.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program Update

Bob Dean reviewed a recent [memo](#) outlining potential updates to the LTA program, including new avenues for plan implementation. In order to implement plans, some communities may need CMAP resources beyond staff time. Discussion ensued among committee members about the appropriate avenues for providing financial resources or additional implementation support to communities that have received local planning assistance from CMAP. Discussion included acknowledgement of the extent to which demand outpaces available resources, as well as the reality that some sources of funding are limited in their permitted applications. In addition, committee members generated new ideas for achieving implementation goals, including: reserving some portion of available technical assistance for implementation projects (e.g., zoning update, capital improvement plan); accessing pro bono or professional association services to provide free or low-cost technical assistance for implementation; working with local philanthropies to establish a small fund for innovative implementation projects outside the scope of traditional funding sources; and establishing within CMAP a point person for helping communities identify and secure implementation funding.

6.0 ON TO 2050: Draft Housing Supply and Affordability Strategy Paper

As part of the ON TO 2050 development process, staff have prepared a strategy paper outlining refinements to agency thinking on housing policy. Jonathan Burch gave an update on the draft Housing Supply and Affordability paper strategies for the committee. Committee members indicated that the housing submarket analysis would be useful to local communities, and were pleased to learn of a website already in development to convey this information to the public. In the meantime, Mr. Burch shared that communities seeking data assistance from CMAP may do so by contacting Jon Hallas at jhallas@cmap.illinois.gov. Finally, committee members discussed the importance of including cross-cutting approaches to regional housing policy that build community acceptance for policy goals and highlight the connections between housing, health, and homelessness.

7.0 Housing Committee Work in 2017

Prior to the January committee meeting, new staff liaison Elizabeth Scott conducted a survey of committee members on topics of interest in 2017. Ms. Scott shared the results of the survey, and committee members discussed potential areas for the committee to explore in 2017.

8.0 Other Business

Staff encouraged committee members to attend the upcoming 2050 Big Ideas Forum: Closer to Home: Creating a Balanced Regional Housing Supply February 28, 2017 at the Metropolitan Planning Council.

9.0 Public Comment

Sheri Cohen, co-chair of CMAP's Human and Community Development working committee, shared interest in working with the Housing committee in the future on the intersectionality of physical planning, housing, and the built environment.

10.0 Next Meeting

The housing committee is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, March 16, 2017.

11.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m., with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Scott, Committee Liaison