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## Housing Committee

### Minutes

Thursday, March, 16, 2017

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

**Committee Members Present:** Alan Banks, Allison Clements (co-chair), Benjamin Fenton, Noelle Gilbreath (for Stacie Young), Sharon Gorrell, Michael Horsting, Valerie Kretchmer, Andrew William-Clark

**Absent:** Rob Anthony, Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Rob Breymaier, Lakesha Brown, Jennifer Chan, Paul Coglan, Adam Dontz, Sarah Duda, Nancy Firfer (co-chair), Patricia Fron, Juliana Gonzalez-Crussi, Wendell Harris, Richard Koenig, Christine Kolb, Rosa Ortiz, Lakeshia Wright, Art Zwemke

**Staff Present:** Nora Beck, Jonathan Burch, Noah Bogges, Brian Daly, Austen Edwards, Ricardo Lopez, Elizabeth Oo, Jared Patton Maggie Jarr, Elizabeth Oo, Elizabeth Schuh, Elizabeth Scott, Joe Szabo, Aseal Tineh

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Committee co-chair Allison Clements 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 [March'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 Lands in Transition Strategy Paper**

Nora Beck gave an overview of the [Lands in Transition](#) strategy paper for ON TO 2050. Lands in Transition treats greenfield development and proposes land use guidance for conserving in the region's highest quality natural systems, open space, and agricultural land.

#### **6.0 Local Technical Assistance: North River Communities**

Brian Daly gave an update on a CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) plan currently underway in Chicago's North River Communities of Albany Park, North Park, Mayfair, North Mayfair, and Ravenswood Manner. The plan team recently completed the existing conditions phase and is beginning strategy development with community partners. Daly shared identified issues and opportunities, including challenges to neighborhood diversity, commercial development, housing security, and stormwater management. Committee members commented that because urban flooding likely affects local property values, stormwater management investments have a potential to accelerate real estate speculation in some portions of the study area. Recent work by [Communities United, Chicago Metropolitan Housing Development Corporation, and Enterprise Community Partners](#) on 2-4 flat preservation was highlighted by committee members as a promising model that could be useful throughout the study area.

#### **7.0 ON TO 2050: Alternative Futures | Walkable Communities**

To shape the ON TO 2050 CMAP is conducting extensive public engagement around five possible [Alternative Futures: Changed Climate, Walkable Communities, Innovative Transportation, Constrained Resources, and Transformed Economy](#). These futures enlarge on macro trends affecting the region today as a tool for developing and refining strategies for ON TO 2050. Elizabeth Oo shared strategies under consideration for the [Walkable Communities memo](#), including strategies to help create more walkable, mixed-use environments across the region. Committee members commented that technology will have a huge role in any future that is more walkable, and asked where innovations like ride sharing and driverless cars are considered in this future. Staff directed these members to strategies developed for the Innovative Transportation future, while also noting the inherent interconnectivity of the Alternative Futures due to their grounding in macro trends already taking place.

#### **8.0 ON TO 2050: Inclusive Growth Draft Strategies**

Elizabeth Scott briefed the committee on draft strategies for the forthcoming Inclusive Growth Strategy Paper, which highlights the role decreasing inequality can have in creating more robust, sustainable regional economic growth. Strategies of particular interest to the community included the recommendation to reinvest in disinvested areas, support compact housing near transit, and secure a permanent funding source for the Regional Housing Initiative. Committee members also raised concerns about the terminology used to refer to low-income, high minority communities, and made some suggestions for improving the final language.

#### **9.0 ON TO 2050: Public Health Strategy Scope**

Ricardo Lopez introduced the committee to the scope of a project recently initiated for ON TO 2050 on public health. CMAP has contracted with Adler University to create a strategy paper addressing the role of planning in public health and health equity. Lopez reviewed draft mission statements for the resource group and gathered initial thoughts on the project from committee members. Committee members highlighted three areas for potential research in the strategy paper treating the intersection of health and place: housing for the homeless or people with disabilities; the role of building codes in ensuring health and safety; and the effects of neighborhood crime and violence on health. Finally, members also recommended the work of [Dr. David R. Williams](#) on social influences on health as a resource for the project team.

#### **10.0 Other Business**

Staff asked for committee volunteers to help brainstorm how CMAP might better help connect communities with grant resources for implementing plans. Co-chair Allison Clements also shared plans to hold a joint meeting on health and housing with CMAP's Human and Community Development working committee sometime in the summer or early fall to coincide with the recommendations phase of the public health strategy paper.

#### **11.0 Public Comment**

Donna Shaw, a private citizen, commented that living with asthma can be a challenge day-to-day and highlighted the need for more community-based health supports.

#### **12.0 Next Meeting**

The housing committee is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

#### **13.0 Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Scott, *Committee Liaison*