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Housing Committee

Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 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, Allison Clements (co-chair), Nancy Firfer (co-chair), Michael Horsting, Benjamin Fenton, Rosa Ortiz, Patricia Fron, Sharon Gorrell, Valerie Kretchmer,

Committee Members Attending by Phone: Paul Colgan, Sarah Duda, Jennifer Chan

Absent: Rob Anthony, Alan Banks, Rob Breymaier, Lakesha Brown, Adam Dontz, Richard Koenig, Christine Kolb, Andrew William-Clark, Lakeshia Wright, Art Zwemke, Wendell Harris, Stacie Young, Juliana Gonzalez-Crussi

Staff Present: Jonathan Burch, Anthony Cefali, Augusta Gudeman, Tony Manno, Matthew Morland, Jared Patton, Elizabeth Schuh, Elizabeth Scott, Emma Swanson, Aseal Tinah

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.

Agenda Items 4.0 and 5.0 were reversed.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes: May 18, 2017

A motion to adopt the minutes for May 18, 2017 was made and seconded. With no opposition, the motion carried.

4.0 LTA Project: Impact DuPage

Jonathan Burch presented on the recently completed technical assistance project for Impact DuPage, a group of public, private, and non-profit organizations focused on improving the well-being of residents of DuPage County. This LTA project developed strategies to address affordable housing challenges in the County. One of these strategies treats community and landlord acceptance of Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs). Some committee members suggested that there may be a need for training among landlords in the County, while others noted that there are administrative issues that make participation in the program unappealing or infeasible for landlords. Nonetheless, committee members agreed that community resistance to affordable housing continues to be an issue in DuPage and other counties. Finally, the committee discussed the influence of the structure of the housing stock on affordability as well as efforts toward the preservation of subsidized and unsubsidized affordable housing in the County.

5.0 Update: September 2017 Joint Meeting on Health and Housing

Elizabeth Scott announced the working agenda for the joint Housing and Human and Community Development working committees meeting planned for September 2017. The first half of the meeting is planned around three presentations on health and housing, including from an academic, municipal representative, and CMAP staff. Following a short break, the latter half of the meeting will consist of a workshop for members of both committees to review the draft public health strategies for ON TO 2050. The date and time of this meeting are being finalized for September 2017.

6.0 ON TO 2050: Bi-Monthly Plan Update

Elizabeth Schuh gave an overview of [July'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.

7.0 ON TO 2050: Preview Report

Elizabeth Schuh presented on the [ON TO 2050 Preview Report](#) that synthesizes major initial findings and recommendations from research, analysis, and strategy development efforts that have been complete to date for the ON TO 2050 plan. Schuh introduced the guiding principles of the plan: resilience, inclusive growth, and prioritized investment. This draft document is available for public comment through August 3, 2017. Formal comments can be emailed to onto2050@cmmap.illinois.gov with the subject line "ON TO 2050 Preview." Committee members shared a variety of comments on the preview report, including that its emphasis on climate change and urban flooding were a step forward, and concerns that a change to VMT fees could have negative impacts on low-income workers. Staff replied that the details of a change to VMT make it less regressive than the current motor fuel tax, as VMT would not, for instance, penalize drivers of older cars and technology could enable credits or other forms of assistance for low-income commuters. Finally, committee members expressed excitement about the bold vision for ON TO 2050.

expressed in the preview document, and encouraged CMAP toward vigorous implementation of these principals.

8.0 LTA Applications Memo

Tony Manno announced that CMAP's LTA program received 80 applications from 69 entities for planning assistance during its recent 2017 call for projects. Committee members were provided a brief [memo](#) outlining the project applications received and provides basic statics based on type, geography, and local match requirements. Committee member Michael Horsting also gave a brief overview of the RTA applications received through this joint call for projects. Committee members asked about how the local match requirement is determined, and about whether CMAP does a "but-for" analysis when determining which projects to fund. Committee members also expressed concern than communities not in compliance with fair housing rules or the Affordable Housing Planning and Appeals Act (AHPA) may receive technical assistance grants for non-housing projects. Staff replied that many elements factor into the selection of LTA projects, including feedback from working committees and other stakeholders, and that CMAP prioritized assistance to low-capacity communities. Finally, committee members discussed the importance of aligning investments so that LTA projects can leverage parallel investments made by other actors to maximize impact.

9.0 Other Business

Allison Clements announced that CMAP, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, and MPC are launching a new website - <https://www.regionalhousingsolutions.org/> - on July 27, 2017 as part of the Homes for a Changing Region project. Sharon Gorrell shared that the Illinois Realtors published a three-part [video series](#) featuring Heather and Garland Armstrong on reasonable accommodations. Rosa Ortiz asked committee members to be on the lookout for a save-the-date for an [L-Evated Chicago](#) event in December at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next Meeting

It was noted that in lieu of the next Housing committee meeting, there will be a joint meeting between the Housing committee and the Human and Community Development committee. This meeting will be scheduled for September 2017, date to be confirmed.

12.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 10:58 a.m., with all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Scott, *Committee Liaison*