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Housing Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2018

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, Alan Banks, Jennifer Chan, Allison Clements, Sarah Duda, Benjamin Fenton, Nancy Firfer (co-chair), Wendell Harris, Christine Kolb, Rosa Ortiz, Kyle Smith

Absent: Rob Anthony, Rob Breymaier, Lakesha Brown, Paul Colgan, Adam Dontz, Patricia Fron, Sharon Gorrell, Richard Koenig, Valerie Kretchmer, Stacie Young, Art Zwemke

Staff Present: John Carlisle, Austen Edwards, Erin Kinney, Elizabeth Scott, Elizabeth Schuh, Joe Szabo, Aseal Tineh

1.0 Call to Order

Committee co-chair Nancy Firfer called the meeting to order at approximately 9:08 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Overview and Changes

Item 6.0 was deferred for a later meeting.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes: November 16, 2017

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

4.0 Policy Update: Commute Characteristics of Economically Disconnected Areas

Aseal Tineh gave an overview of a recent series of CMAP policy updates exploring [demographic](#) and [commute](#) characteristics of the region's Economically Disconnected Areas (EDAs). Committee members encouraged CMAP to further explore the role of housing affordability in regional population loss and the location and extent of EDAs. The committee also recommended additional study of the demographic shifts toward high-income households within the urbanized core of the region and its subsequent challenge to transportation and job access for the region's low-income individuals and families. Some members suggested that CMAP's Housing and Land Use working committees

should co-convene for a dedicated discussion of planning and policy needs in the region's EDAs in 2018.

5.0 LTA Project: Maine-Northfield Unincorporated Areas Plan

John Carlisle gave an overview of [the Local Technical Assistance \(LTA\) plan underway in the Cook County unincorporated areas within Maine and Northfield Townships](#), focusing on housing issues and opportunities identified through the planning process. Committee members discussed challenges related to preserving and rehabbing the 1970-80s townhouse and multifamily buildings that provide "natural" affordable housing in many parts of the region, highlighting resources available from various community development groups like the Community Investment Corporation, Cook County Land Bank Authority, and Chicago Community Loan Fund. Members also asked about the annexation potential of the various areas in consideration of school district boundaries and the requirements of the Illinois Affordable Housing Planning and Appeals Act. Staff responded that through the planning process, a cost-benefit analysis of annexation potential will be performed.

6.0 Other Business

Allison Clements reminded members to register for the [2018 Governor's Conference on Affordable Housing](#). Sarah Duda suggested members review the Institute for Housing Studies' new [Mapping Displacement Pressure](#) paper and tool.

7.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next Housing Committee meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2018.

9.0 Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Scott, *Committee Liaison*