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Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Minutes

Thursday, September 5, 2019

9:30 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Lindsay Birt – Xylem, Keary Cragan – U.S. EPA, Jack Darin – Illinois Sierra Club, Aaron Durnbaugh – Loyola University Chicago, Danielle Gallet – Metropolitan Planning Council, Elena Grossman – BRACE-Illinois at UIC, Andrew Hawkins – Forest Preserve District of Will County, Paul May – Northwest Suburban JAWA, Mike Warner – Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, Tom Rickert – Kane County, Deborah Stone – Cook County Department of Environmental Control, Mike Sullivan – IDOT, Sean Wiedel – Chicago Department of Transportation

Members Absent: Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg, Stacy Meyers – Openlands

Staff Present: Laurent Ahiablame, Erin Aleman, Brian Daly, Kate Evasic, Avery Goods, Caitlin Goodspeed, Holly Hudson, Tony Manno, Jason Navota, Jared Patton, Katie Piotrowska, Kelsey Pudlock, Melissa Silverberg

Others Present: Garland Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Martell Buckley, Sophia Corning, John Donovan, Theresa Le, Edith Makra, Patrick McPartlan, Dionne Roberts-Emegha

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Sean Wiedel called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

- Executive Director Erin Aleman provided a brief introduction and expressed her interest in identifying ways to advance priorities of ON TO 2050.

3.0 Approval of Minutes—July 11, 2019

A motion to approve the [minutes](#) of the July 11, 2019 meeting, as presented, made by Tom Rickert was seconded by Danielle Gallet, and with all in favor, carried.

4.0 Welcome New Members

The committee welcomed four new members – Lindsay Birt, Aaron Durnbaugh, Elena Grossman, and Paul May – who provided brief introductions on their organizations and expertise.

5.0 Opportunities to engage with CMAP in person and online – Melissa Silverberg, CMAP

To mark the one-year anniversary of ON TO 2050's adoption, CMAP is hosting a series of events across the region focused on how ON TO 2050 can make a difference in each of our region's communities.

Melissa Silverberg shared information on the events and a [partner toolkit](#) for online promotion. She then previewed changes coming to CMAP's website on September 17 and discussed opportunities for organizations to engage with CMAP via social media, including using the #2050BigIdeas hashtag.

6.0 2020 Census – U.S. Census Bureau

In April 2020, the next decennial census will begin the national enumeration process. Representatives from the regional office of the U.S. Census Bureau provided information and updates on efforts for the 2020 Census. They stressed the importance of the Census' legal guarantees to maintain confidentiality, providing access online and in multiple languages, and the overall significance of a complete count for shaping your community's future. Address canvassing has begun and postcards will be sent out in early March. Representatives asked for help promoting the Bureau's recruitment efforts by hosting an "Applicant Day" and announced that job listings are posted at 2020Census.gov/jobs and usajobs.gov.

- Complete count. Bureau representatives clarified that college students are counted at school, since they use the resources of those municipalities for most of the year.
- Response rate. Responding to a question about the ideal response rate, representatives cited two resources – [Census Explorer](#) for 2010 participation and the [Response Outreach Area Map](#) (ROAM) to identify hard-to-survey areas. They also stated that in 2010, Illinois had a 76 percent response rate.
- Social media. The Bureau will utilize social media platforms to promote the census, as well as rely on partners who have greater trust in their communities.
- Citizenship question. The 2020 census will not include a question on citizenship status after being struck down by the Supreme Court. Representatives reiterated the importance of maintaining confidentiality and receiving a complete count.
- Hard-to-survey areas. In response to a question about reaching hard-to-survey areas, representatives responded that

the Bureau plans to hire people from a community to work in that community.

- Accommodations for people with disabilities. In response to a question about reaching the hard of hearing, census representatives discussed a special campaign to reach people living with disabilities. Responding to a question about making the census accessible for people with visual impairments who may not use technology, representatives said that accommodations would be made and that they are partnering with healthcare providers, senior centers, libraries, and other trusted institutions to reach these populations.
- Recount. Responding to a question about extrapolating responses to account for undercounted areas, representatives noted it is not possible. Local governments can ask for a recount, however, they must finance and complete that recount. Short of a recount, the Bureau will use social services records to follow up with hard-to-reach populations.

7.0 Lake County Stormwater Management Commission Bulletin 70 Update – Mike Warner, LCSMC

Mike Warner from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission presented on the Illinois State Water Survey's update to Bulletin 70's rainfall data and the impact to Lake County, the Des Plaines River, and the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance. Initial findings from a study of the Upper Des Plaines show a 38 percent increase in rainfall and a 22 percent increase in flow

- FEMA flood maps. Responding to a question about influencing FEMA to update the regulatory floodplain, Mike Warner responded that LCSMC has sent FEMA data to demonstrate the need to make the Des Plaines River a priority for remapping. However, this could still take several years to realize.
- Detention basins. Responding to a question on changes to detention basin release rates, Mike Warner said that all ideas are on the table but he expects they will not change. Regarding concerns of capturing small storms, he noted in some areas they are seeing good infiltration rates. The technical advisory committee is meeting to discuss these design details.

8.0 Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District Land Use Opinion Report – Patrick McPartlan, KDSWCD

The purpose and intent of the Land Use Opinion report is to furnish natural resource information to officials of the local governing body and other decision-makers throughout the counties of Kane and DuPage. It contains a description of the present conditions and resources available and their potential impact on each other. This report is required under the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Act for zoning ordinances or variances. Patrick McPartlan

gave an overview of the District and provided details on the process for developing Land Use Opinion reports. He presented potential data sources for consideration, including products from ON TO 2050 like the flood susceptibility index; he is exploring how it could be used for more rural areas. As part of the process to revise the report development process, KDSWCD will form a Land Use Opinion Committee and reach out to communities in Kane and DuPage Counties for input.

- Applicants. Responding to a question on who applies for a Land Use Opinion report, Patrick McPartlan commented that private developers will first apply to the corresponding municipality or county which will in turn apply to KDSWCD.
- Green infrastructure plans. Responding to a question about whether DuPage County has a green infrastructure plan like Kane County, Patrick McPartlan that they do not.
- Threshold for assessment. Responding to a question on what triggers the development of a report, Patrick McPartlan explained that KDSWCD will examine any development that a zoning committee refers to them, but may issue a “No Report” for smaller projects.
- Impact of reports. In response to a question about whether KDSWCD has followed up with communities to see whether the report resulted in changes to a proposed development, Patrick McPartlan said this follow up has not been conducted but they are interested in doing so.
- Drones for site assessment. Members suggested alternatives to using drones to assess sites, including high resolution aerials provided by NearMap US, Inc.

9.0 CMAP LTA and RTA Community Planning Call for Projects – Tony Manno, CMAP

The [2019 LTA and Community Planning Call for Projects](#) opens on September 17 and closes October 17. CMAP and RTA are encouraging applicants to envision planning projects that align with recommendations found in ON TO 2050 and the RTA’s Invest in Transit strategic plan. Tony Manno gave an overview of the process, which will include presenting a summary of applications to the Committee in late 2019 or early 2020. He also solicited project ideas and evaluation criteria suggestions from the Committee members. More information on frequently asked questions and project eligibility is available on the [CMAP webpage](#).

10.0 McKinley Park Neighborhood Plan – Katie Piotrowska, CMAP

Through the LTA program, CMAP is assisting the McKinley Park Development Council in creating a neighborhood plan for Chicago’s McKinley Park neighborhood to help modernize the Central Manufacturing District, improve the appearance of commercial corridors, integrate equitable transit-oriented development, and

create a resilient community for years to come. Katie Piotrowska provided an overview of the [McKinley Park Neighborhood Plan](#), highlighting the planning process to date and previewing potential recommendations related to parks and open space, environmental justice, and resilience.

- Greening initiatives. Responding to a question on whether or not the team is looking at opportunities at manufacturing sites, Katie Piotrowska said they are considering green infrastructure, since the industrial area is a significant contributor of stormwater runoff. The team is also looking at the City's initiative to modernize industrial corridors, which includes sustainability initiatives.
- Air quality monitoring. Members noted that the Environmental Law and Policy Center is conducting an air quality monitoring event the weekend of 9/7-9/8.
- Level of effort. Responding to a question about the level of effort required for this project, Katie Piotrowska said that it is a two-year project in coordination with the McKinley Park Development Council and Chicago Department of Planning and Development. Center for Neighborhood Technology provided assistance to assess stormwater and flooding.
- Implementation. Responding to whether implementation has been discussed, Katie Piotrowska said they are in the beginning stages of identifying actions for McKinley Park Development Council to include in the plan. Brian Daly commented that CMAP does provide implementation assistance to LTA community sponsors. Katie Piotrowska responded that the team held a workshop on equitable transit oriented development, which convened other community development councils (CDCs) and local organizations to share information.
- Bubbly Creek. Responding to whether the plan will include a recommendation to remediate Bubbly Creek, Katie Piotrowska affirmed that it would, and that there may be an opportunity through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Study area. Katie Piotrowska confirmed that the new Eleanor Boathouse is not part of the study area, but that stakeholders have identified it as an asset and would like to see better access from McKinley Park.

11.0 Public Comment

- Danielle Gallet announced that the final Drinking Water 1-2-3 events will take place on September 12 in Barrington. The event will discuss how to incorporate water utility comprehensive plans into local comprehensive and land use plans. She encouraged Committee members to attend.
- Heather Armstrong asked a clarifying question on Lake County Stormwater Management Commission's modeling of

the Des Plaines River. Mike Warner responded that LCSMC is reassessing the flood protection elevation – that is, whether or not future development would need to be raised to prevent flood damages.

- Garland Armstrong stated the importance of making sure that all residents in Lake County are prepared for extreme weather like tornadoes. Mike Warner commented that Lake County is working to improve response efforts, including the use of new software ([Veoci](#)) to improve communication among emergency managers.
- Deborah Stone announced that the deadline for home and business owners to sign up for [Solarize Chicagoland](#) is September 30, 2019.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **November 7** at 9:30 am in the DuPage County conference room.

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Daly and Kate Evasic
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