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Economic Development Committees

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Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
DuPage Conference Room
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, Illinois

Members present: Kevin Considine (Lake County Partners), Peter Creticos (Institute for Work and the Economy), Kristi DiLaurentiis (South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association), Joanna Greene (Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership), Terrence Hall (World Business Chicago), Michael Horsting (Regional Transportation Authority), Kelly O'Brien (Alliance for Regional Development), Irene Sherr (Cook County Bureau of Economic Development), Ayom Siengo (United Way of Metro Chicago), Jay Stewart (Cook County Bureau of Economic Development)

CMAP staff: Diana Cooke, Austen Edwards, Jesse Elam, Erin Kenney, Stephanie Levine, Melissa Porter, Simone Weil

1.0 Call to Order/Introductions

Austen Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

3.0 Approval meeting minutes

A motion to adopt the minutes for October 22, 2018 was made and seconded. With no opposition, the motion carried.

4.0 Presentation: Cook County Policy Roadmap

Jay Stewart and Irene Sherr of the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development presented the key policy priorities and strategic initiatives of the [Policy Roadmap: Five-Year Strategic Plan for Offices Under the President](#). With significant public and partner participation, the Roadmap focuses on three foundational values: equity, engagement, and excellence, with a strong focus on racial equity. Its policy priorities look to build communities that are healthy, safe and thriving, sustainable, smart, open, and vital. The goal of the last priority – vital communities – is to “pursue inclusive economic and community growth by supporting residents, growing businesses, attracting investment and nurturing talent.” This priority includes five objectives: using transportation

investment to catalyze equitable economic growth, the need for a regional coordination, supporting workforce development initiatives, industry-driven partnerships for cluster development, and bolstering local businesses, women- or minority-owned firms and firms owned by people living with disabilities.

Discussion included the Bureau's role in succession planning for industrial businesses through the Ownership Conversion Project, upcoming policy analysis and data needs, and the county's role in the federal Opportunity Zones program.

5.0 Review of CMAP Working Committees

With the adoption of ON TO 2050, CMAP has identified changes in its committee structure and membership to better support implementation of ON TO 2050. Erin Kenney reviewed the findings of this recent process, membership expectations, updates to the committee's mission and charge, and scoping for the committee's agenda for the coming year.

The committee review process culminated in three major actions approved by the CMAP Board in November: merging the Housing and Land Use working committees, merging the Planning and Programming coordinating committees, and updating the membership goals for the working committees. Kenney outlined the membership expectations, asking that the members try to commit to a two-year term and attend at least 70% of the meetings. She also presented revisions to the committee's mission and charge that reflect the ON TO 2050 principles. Finally, Kenney listed potential agenda items for the committee, spanning the dimensions of policy, planning, ON TO 2050 implementation, and agency updates.

Comments on potential agenda items, joint meetings with another committee, site visits, or partner presentations can be shared with Austen Edwards or Erin Kenney.

6.0 Traded clusters drill-down report

Building on the traded clusters analysis outlined in ON TO 2050, staff presented the preliminary findings of a data scan on the traded clusters in northeastern Illinois. Austen Edwards reviewed trends in the region's economy, examining how metropolitan Chicago fares relative to its peers across traded clusters. Edwards discussed the geographic specialization of traded clusters in the region, using Lake County's concentration of biopharmaceuticals as an example, and reviewed the demographic composition of specialized and non-specialized traded clusters. Edwards also shared findings establishment, commute, and freight trends. These findings will be compiled into a report, expected spring 2019.

Discussion included how industries are situated in supply chains, understanding the change in productivity in certain industries relative to the change in jobs, and potential follow-ups to the analysis, including continued analysis of business churn patterns.

7.0 Other business

There was no other business.

8.0 Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

9.0 Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 25, 2018 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

10.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Kenney", is centered on the page. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin Kenney, Staff Liaison