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Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes

May 22, 2007—8:30 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room

Members Present:

Yasmin Bates – Harris Bank, George Billows – Illinois Trucking Association, Lori Clark – NIU, Terry Clark - UIC, Dr. Robert Gleeson – NIU, Harry Pestine – Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Mike Scholfield – representing Mayors Caucus (Baxter and Woodman) and Tom Zapler – Union Pacific Railroad

Absent:

Andre B. Ashmore, Joseph Balasa, Bill Browne, Dr. Michael Colky, John Greuling, Robin Kelly, Sean McCarthy, Jack Price and Kim Uhlig

Staff Present:

Bola Delano, Bill Kiley, Brian Rademacher and Tom Palzer

Others Present:

Thomas Gary, Lyla Petett and Angie Powell

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Tom Zapler.

2.0 Welcome and Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

3.0 Agenda Changes

John Greuling was unable to attend the meeting for personal reasons and Tom Zapler was asked to Chair the meeting. Amendments made to the agenda recommended that the Quality of Life Indicators Presentation and the discussion on the roles and responsibility of the committee be rescheduled for June 26, 2007.

All agreed.

A discussion then followed with individuals being apprehensive about how why two major presentations had to be rescheduled because the Chair was unable to attend. This raised concern with how the committee manages itself, the focus of the group, poor

attendance and commitment of members to the roles of the committee. Most members were disappointed that the Chair, John Greuling, was not in attendance and in his absence the Vice Chair, Robin Kelly, was also unavailable. It was suggested that an alternative plan for coordinating meetings dealing with matters in the absence of chairs should be in place to avoid such a setback in future meetings. Bola Delano explained that the cancellation from John Greuling was made ½ hour to the commencement of the meeting and it was impossible to cancel. All these comments will be forwarded to John Greuling and the Vice Chair. Other issues discussed highlighted the importance and need to ensure that all information be sent to members in advance so that individuals can read the material prior to meetings and matters can be discussed in detail at the meetings and make best use of time.

Bola Delano confirmed that all agenda items are sent 10 days prior to the meeting and are available on the CMAP website, however this point was noted.

At this juncture, it was agreed that the following items will be part of the agenda package for the next meeting:

1. Committee roles and responsibilities including work plan
2. PowerPoint presentation on Quality of Life Indicators
3. Portfolio of services handout
4. Cluster analysis handout
5. EC/Development regional planning committee goals

Overall, there was a lot of disappointment amongst members and the urge to revamp this situation to ensure that the role and commitment of the group to CMAP board is fulfilled.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Action: April 24th meeting minutes were approved by George Billows and seconded by Yasmin Bates.

5.0 Economic Development Unit Update

Brian Rademacher was introduced as the ED Coordinator for CMAP and he gave an overview of all EC/Development projects developed to date. He also gave a detailed presentation on a cluster analysis report that was being developed with the unit. Terry Clark was of the opinion that there was a lack of/shortage of staff for the committee and the unit. He was informed that Brian was a new addition to the team and it was suggested that his meeting with Brian Rademacher would be beneficial to address his concerns.

Another item that was discussed was the committee meeting time.

Action: Members took a vote and agreed that all EC/Development meetings should start at 9:00 a.m.

6.0 Public Comment

Angie Powell a representative from the CAC (CMAP - Citizen Advisory Committee) asked Brian Rademacher whether community development was being considered in all the projects he presented and he responded affirmatively.

7.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee is scheduled for June 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the CMAP offices, DuPage County Conference Room.

8.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Yasmin Bates and seconded by George Billows.

Respectfully submitted,

Bola Delano

Staff Liaison

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