

Planning and Development Subcommittee of the Economic Development Advisory Committee Minutes

10:00 AM , December 3rd , 2019: 69 West Washington Street, 22nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60602

Call to order:

Andy Geer, Co-Chair, called to order the meeting of the Planning and Development Subcommittee of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) at 10:00 AM.

Members Present: Andy Geer, Jennifer Hill – On the phone: Ray Bentley, Patricia Fron, David Day, Sharon Legenza

Others Present:

Bob Christian (Manufacturing Renaissance), Alex Nitkin (The Daily Line), Drew Williams Clark (Center for Neighborhood Technology), Rebecca Raines (Center for Neighborhood Technology), Mike Simmons (Blue Sky Strategies)

DPD Staff Present:

Dominic Tocci, David Washington, Susan Campbell- On the phone: Sylvia Parham

Approval of Minutes:

Prior minutes approved.

Action Items:

Dominic Tocci, Deputy Director of Community Development, presented the CDBG Substantial Amendment for Manufacturing Renaissance-Re/Cast-Ownership Succession for Manufacturing Companies. Dom mentioned this project would be added to the County's Action Plan, using \$100,000 of CDBG funding. After Dom spoke, Bob Christian, Managing Director of Re/Cast Advisors spoke. He mentioned the following:

- Organizational Mission: Create a new crop of owners; Diversify ownership.
- Their commitment to stop erosion and flight of companies from Cook County.
- Harmful effects on citizens when companies leave Cook County (rent not paid, declining tax base).
- Positive effects of retaining jobs in Cook County (detour violence, manufacturing jobs create jobs).
- Organizations that partner with Manufacturing Renaissance.
- Manufacturing Renaissance's leadership team.

- How the company will scale and leverage technology.
- Their business and marketing model.

Co-Chair Andy Geer opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments. A motion to approve and refer the items to the full EDAC for review and approval was made . All approved, no one opposed, and no one abstained.

Dominic Tocci, Deputy Director of Community Development, discussed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Cook County's program year 2018. He mentioned the following:

- Purpose of the CAPER.
- Updated the Subcommittee on the progress of the CAPER
- Components of the CAPER.
- Suggestions of how we can focus more on Economic Development in the CAPER.

Co-Chair Andy Geer opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments. A motion to approve and refer the items to the full EDAC for review and approval was made. All approved, no one opposed, and no one abstained.

Informational Item:

Drew Williams Clark, from Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) discussed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). He mentioned the following:

- Background and importance of CEDS.
- Updated on the draft, and solicited feedback.
- CEDS approval deadline is February 2020.
- Simultaneous deadlines (Assessment of Fair Housing; Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership).
- Presented components of the draft (various maps: housing, units, race, seniors, etc.).
- Why the entire county is no longer considered distressed.
- Solicited for comments via email by 12/13/19 regarding the CEDS.

Mike Simmons, from Blue Sky Strategies discussed:

- Racial Equity and how they will embed it in the Con Plan.
- Utilizing Baltimore and Washington as a template to determine how to embed Racial Equity into the Con Plan.

Members discussed/Inquired about the following:

- Ray Bentley inquired about how Manufacturing Renaissance will ensure success of companies that are technology deficient.
- Susan Campbell discussed the compliance challenges of supporting economic development programs due to the limited funding, and the heavy administrative load required.
- Andy Geer discussed how property taxes are affecting business development.
- Susan Campbell discussed the need for an environment that is a bit more predictable (regarding taxes and incentives) in order to promote more business development in low income communities.
- Susan Campbell recommended CNT provides Planning and Development Key Performance Indicators in regard to Racial Equity.
- Susan Campbell indicated the importance of alignment of companies that Manufacturing Renaissance targets to ensure they are working in harmony with Cook County Planning and Development.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM