

**Cook County Bureau of Economic Development  
(CCBED)  
Economic Development Advisory Committee  
(EDAC)  
Meeting Minutes March 26, 2014**

**Date:** May 12, 2014

**Location:** 69 West Washington, Room 414, Chicago, IL

**Call to order and Roll call**

Howard Males called to order the regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) at 8:02 a.m.

**Members Present:** Herman Brewer, Lynn Cutler, Joseph Flanagan, Adriana Moreno Nevarez for Commissioner Garcia, Graham C. Grady, Howard Males, Pam McDonough, Phaedra Leslie for Karin Norrington Reaves and Edward Sitar

**Members Absent:** Ed Paesel, Wesley J. Lujan, Commissioner Andrew Mooney, Diane Morefield and Victoria Matays-Smith

Chairman Males opened the floor for public comment. There were no public speakers. Public participant acknowledged, Sarah Lyons from Unite Here - Local 1.

**I. Approval of Minutes from the January 29, 2014**

The minutes from the January 29, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

**II. Chairman Remarks**

Chairman Howard Males gave brief remarks welcoming the guest speaker and said he hopes to continue this custom of having a guest speaker as a tool to learn about economic development through the region. The Chairman spoke about the Innovation Awards event he attended along with President Preckwinkle and the County's economic development staff. President Preckwinkle held a round table discussion with the winners of the 2013 Chicago Innovation Awards. Chairman Males welcomed David Day, President of Omni Consulting, as a new EDAC member. He also acknowledged the resignation of C.J. Rog from EDAC.

### **III. Sub-Committee Reports**

*Subcommittee of Financial Incentives* – Sub-Committee Chair Pam McDonough did not provide a report as the sub-committee did not meet.

*Subcommittee of Economic Development and Planning* - Sub-Committee Chair Joseph Flanagan summarized the meeting he and Lynn Cutler had with Michael Jasso, Irene Sherr and Jennifer Miller of the Department of Planning and Development and John Burch of CMAP to discuss different ways EDAC can be involved with Planning for Progress. Lynn Cutler expressed her interest in exploring innovation around transportation initiatives.

*Subcommittee of Governance and Membership* - Sub-Committee Chair Graham Grady discussed two proposed revisions of the by-laws. The first change allows non-EDAC members to serve on an EDAC sub-committee, subject to review and approval of the Governance Sub-Committee. The existing by-laws did not have language addressing this question. In addition the proposed change included a provision indicating that EDAC members comprise the majority each sub-committee. Chairman Males moved that the language as presented by the Chair Graham Grady of Governance be adopted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **IV. The Bureau of Economic Development (BED) Presentation**

*Bureau of Economic Development*– Herman Brewer, Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Economic Development reported that Cook County's has launched its first comprehensive transportation plan since the 1940's. President Preckwinkle has launched a plan that consists of members from the Bureau of Economic Development, Cook County Department of Transportation and members of the Council of Economic Advisors.

The Bureau of Economic Development is consulting with the Brookings Institution to discuss the next steps in positioning ourselves differently to reflect the increase in suburban poverty when requesting federal funding. The Bureau of Economic Development has been asked to put together a white paper with the Chicago Food Depository to develop a county food plan in response to food insecurity issues.

Lastly, the Cook County is a partner in the Anchor Institutions Initiative with the McArthur Foundation, University of Chicago, City of Chicago, Rush Medical Center, and Com Ed along with other institutions to leverage their purchasing power and to grow our vendor and contractual relationships with small businesses.

The Bureau is currently working collectively with other collar counties on collaborative exporting initiatives and simplifying truck permitting procedures throughout all counties.

*Planning and Development Updates* - Mike Jasso Director of Planning and Development gave an overview of the projects currently active in the Department of Planning: Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP); the progress of the CEDS and Con Plan. CMAP is serving as our technical advisor and is currently categorizing the data submitted.

## **V. Presentation**

Introducing DMDI - Scott Miller

The Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation Institute (DMDII) is a public-private partnership and a key element of the National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI). The DMDII will leverage the power of computing, data analytics, intelligent machines, and sensing to drive down the time and cost to take products from concept to production.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: CCBED – Sheryl Stewart-Caldwell