

**May 10. 2016 CONSEG MEETING
PULLMAN ROOM, REGENSTEIN CENTER, CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDENS,**

Present:

Communities represented: Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Kenilworth, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Northbrook, Park Ridge, Riverwoods, Skokie, Wilmette, Winnetka.

Opening remarks:

Beth Drucker welcomed community representatives and guest speakers from Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

Kim Stone thanked Chicago Botanic Gardens and Beth Dunn for allowing us to use the meeting space. She introduced guest speakers from CMAP and encouraged CONSEG participants and community representatives to share the information from today's presentation with colleagues, elected officials and staff in their communities.

Presenters:

Patrick Day, AICP, Associate Planner, CMAP

Maggie Jarr, Assistant Planner, CMAP

Andres Torres, Communications Strategist & Outreach Specialist, CMAP

Attendees introduced themselves and provided the name of the affiliated organization and/or community they represented.

Presentations:

Patrick Day:

Noted that CMAP was asked to provide CONSEG with a basic overview of comprehensive planning techniques that communities could use to support sustainable goals.

Presentation title: **Zoning for Sustainability 101**

- CMAP presentation was created and tailored for CONSEG based on GO TO 2040 policy recommendations.

Presentation by Patrick Day and Maggie Jarr:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/74cyjgqp0evgy97/CONSEG%20Presentation_mj%20pd.pptx?dl=0

Andres Torres presented on On To 2050, the next regional plan that is currently in process. He sought input on specific questions and issues that will be in the plan, and invited attendees to contact him if they'd like to set up presentations/info sessions in their communities.

Questions (Q) Answers (A) & Comments (C):

Q. What are the constraints that determine use of land?

A. Patrick Day: CMAP implements goals determined by a commission.

C. The image shown in the presentation has many glass buildings, which are not safe for birds.

R. Patrick Day: Yes, bird-safe construction is important. It is dealt with in another scenario.

Q. How does/should one approach a Zoning Administrator with issues?

A. Patrick Day. Keep track of issues, so you can package your concerns and make a case for how your local issues are part of larger regional concerns. The municipality may then submit an application to get CMAP's assistance in updating/writing a new ordinance that could be presented to elected officials. Costs are available through CMAP.

C. See also U.S. Green Building Council neighborhood design:

<http://www.usgbc.org/guide/nd>,

Q. Why do you not provide/suggest renewable and sustainable technologies?

A. Patrick Day: It is best to avoid naming specific technology so that planners are not saddled with potentially outdated ordinances, and to avoid limiting options in varied situations.

C. Chicago's plan is 5 years old and can be found online.

Q. Why include drive-through's in plans when they are undesirable for sustainable communities?

A. Patrick Day: They exist and are demanded in many communities. It is best to have a policy on the books that requires them to be designed/planned to minimize their impact.

C. Morton Arboretum has updated its recommendation regarding choosing species for planting trees in a given area: $\leq 5\%$ of trees of any one species and $\leq 10\%$ of any one genus should be selected, because of potential for loss due to species-specific diseases.

CONSEG members shared upcoming events.

Beth Drucker:

- The next CONSEG meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 1 - 3 pm. The topic will be "Trees & Suburban Forests." Please share your ideas for speakers and subtopics. Chicago Botanic Garden, Morton Arboretum and Openland's Treekeepers will be invited to join us.
- We may have a special meeting in early October with special guest Mark Fenton, an Active Transportation advocate: <http://www.markfenton.com/>.