KENDALL COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

May 23, 2014
8:30 AM

County Board Room (Rooms 209 & 210)
111 West Fox Street
Yorkville, IL 60560

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of March 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes
5. New Business
   - CMAP Local Technical Assistance Application - Kendall County Targeted Industry & Workforce Study
6. Old Business
   - Illinois Commercial Exchange
   - Growing Our Regional Economy
   - Kendall County Job and Resource Fair Update
   - Revolving Fund Financial Assistance Loans
7. Other Business
8. Chairman’s Report
9. Public Comment
10. Executive Session
11. Adjournment
Kendall County
Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 28, 2014
Kendall County Board Room

Call to Order
The Economic Development Committee met at 8:35 a.m. and was called to order by Dan Koukol, Chairman of the Kendall County Economic Development Committee.

Roll Call
Members Present: Dan Koukol, Judy Gilmour, Amy Cesich, and Matt Prochaska (arrived from Housing Authority Meeting at 9:13 a.m.)
Members Absent: Lynn Cullick
Other Board Members Present: None
Staff Present: Jeff Wilkins, County Administrator; and John Sterrett, Economic Development Coordinator
Others Present: Charlene Coulombe-Fiore, Executive Director, Montgomery Economic Development Corporation; and Vijay Gadde, Director, Village of Oswego Economic Development

Approval of Agenda
Ms. Cesich made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilmour, to approve the March 28, 2014 agenda. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes
Ms. Gilmour made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cesich, to approve the February 28, 2014 meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

New Business
Montgomery EDC
Ms. Charlene Coulombe-Fiore, Executive Director of the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), thanked the Committee for the work that the County has done with the Montgomery EDC and the relationship between Kendall County and Montgomery EDC. Ms. Coulombe-Fiore said she appreciates the partnership Kendall County has with Montgomery EDC. Ms. Coulombe-Fiore commented on some of the past projects occurring in Montgomery including the new Sam's Club which is scheduled to open later in the year. Several expansions have occurred in Montgomery over the year. New food companies have also come into Montgomery including Performance Food Group. The International Convention of Shopping Centers will be attended by Montgomery in May. Ms. Coulombe-Fiore also commented on an industrial park tour that the MEDC is organizing to occur later in the summer. The Butterball project in Montgomery was a very important project that occurred during the last year.

Village of Oswego Economic Development
Mr. Vijay Gadde, Director of Economic Development for the Village of Oswego, was hired fourteen months ago and also commended Kendall County for the partnership with the Village on Economic Development. Mr. Gadde went over some of the recent projects within the Village of Oswego including the South Korean owned yogurt company known as Win Soon, Inc. Mr. Gadde stated that the main areas of employment in the Village are service oriented. The former Lowe's location could potentially be occupied by a new company soon. Efforts continue with the former Dominick's location. A shopper survey was performed for the Village of Oswego in 2013. Mr. Gadde recommended that the County and/or the Kendall Economic Development Alliance look into implementing a commission to determine clusters and targeted industries for the County, possibly through the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. Mr. Gadde notified the group of an informational open house for the construction of Illinois 71 from Orchard Road to U.S. Route 34 in Oswego. Mr. Wilkins stated that this noticed was received very...
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recently and will be posted on the County’s website. The construction could potentially take up to two years.

Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership
Mr. Sterrett went over a collaborative federal grant that the seven collar counties are working on that will be awarded by the Economic Development Administration. The seven collar county region, if awarded this grant, will be designated as a ‘Manufacturing Community’ and will be eligible for future federal technical assistance oriented towards manufacturing. Up to twelve regional communities throughout the nation will receive this designation. The ‘communities’ that can apply for this designation must be larger than a city and county but must be smaller than a state. This is seen as a way for the collar counties to continue working together on a regional level to improve economic development for the region.

Recommend Approval of Letter of Support for the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership
As part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership grant, all counties that will be participating in the application will need to submit a letter of support acknowledging they are supportive of this initiative. Mr. Sterrett provided a copy of a draft letter of support for this initiative for the committee.

Mr. Prochaska made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gilmour, to recommend approval of the Letter of Support for the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership. With a voice vote of all ayes, the motion carried. This item will be placed on the April 1, 2014 County Board agenda for action.

Old Business
2014 Kendall County Job and Resource Fair Update
Mr. Sterrett explained the recent meeting that took place to organize the 2014 Job and Resource Fair taking place on June 6th. The employer recruitment portion of the planning will begin shortly.

Growing our Regional Economy Initiative
Mr. Sterrett gave a brief recap of a meeting he attended with John Burscheid of the County Highway Department dealing with universal overweight truck permits. The meeting comprised of all the County Highway engineers for the seven county region to discuss the idea of universal truck permits. This is part of the Growing our Regional Economy Initiative which began in December of 2013.

Revolving Fund Financial Assistance Program
Mr. Sterrett updated the Committee on the status of the existing loans through the County’s Revolving Fund Financial Assistance Program. All existing loans have paid for the month.

Other Business – None
Chairman’s Report - None
Public Comment - None
Executive Committee - None

Adjournment
With no further business to discuss, Mr. Prochaska moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cesich. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee, at 9:23 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
John H. Sterrett,
Recording Secretary
Applicant form:
Community Planning Program and
Local Technical Assistance Program

DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday, June 26, 2014

This application form is online at www.rtachicago.com/applications. You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.com. Upon receipt of application, you will receive an e-mail verifying that your application has been received.

1. Name of Applicant:
Kendall County

2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):
Primary: Jeff Wilkins, 630-553-4142, jwilkins@co.kendall.il.us
Secondary: John Sterrett, 630-553-4834, jsterrett@co.kendall.il.us

Type of Applicant (please check any that apply): Local government

_x_ Multijurisdictional group

Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):
Members of the Kendall Economic Development Alliance: Kendall County, Village of Oswego Economic Development Department, Montgomery Economic Development Corporation, Yorkville Economic Development Corporation, Sandwich Economic Development Corporation, Plano Economic Development Corporation

___ Nongovernmental organization

Name of local government partner(s):

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*Applications submitted by multijurisdictional groups and nongovernmental organizations must include a letter indicating support from each relevant local government. See the FAQs for more information. Nongovernmental applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CMAP or the RTA prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support. any that apply):
Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project. (This will help us determine whether your project is best handled by CMAP or RTA.)

- My project involves preparation of a plan.
- My project helps to implement a past plan.
- My project links land use, transportation, and housing.
- My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
- My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

5. Project Location:
Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may include a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan.

Kendall County (County-wide)

Kendall County Community Economic Development Plan link: [http://www.co.kendall.il.us/economic-development-plan/](http://www.co.kendall.il.us/economic-development-plan/)

6. Project Description:
Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed. If you have more than one idea, please submit a separate application for each project. Please be specific, but also brief (less than two pages per project idea)—we simply want to have a basic understanding of what you want to do. CMAP and RTA staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project.

(Please include any additional information that is relevant, preferably by providing links to online documents.)

**COUNTYWIDE INDUSTRIAL MARKET STUDY of KENDALL COUNTY:**
TARGET INDUSTRY, WORKFORCE & SUSTAINABILITY

**Overview**
Provide a comprehensive market study of the comparative advantage for industrial development for each community within Kendall County. The study should provide information to enable each community to target their industrial marketing and recruitment initiatives on specific industrial sectors. The study would also analyze Kendall County’s and the regions workforce capabilities to support the targeted industries and identify any workforce advantages or deficiencies. The study would aid the communities in determining the amount of industrial land area needed to support development of targeted industries.

**Objectives**
- Analyze Kendall County’s industrial development potential
Identify specific industries that best fit Kendall County’s comparative advantage.

Does Kendall County have critical mass with comparative advantage in its existing manufacturing industrial clusters—such as metals, machinery, transportation equipment, food, food equipment, textiles, and plastics? If not, what level of development is needed to create a cluster with competitive advantage?

Does Kendall County have potential to create future industry clusters with comparative advantage in the areas of chemicals, pharmaceuticals, communications and bio medical?

Analyze market potential for other successful industries in the region to create economic diversity.

Analyze Kendall County’s market demand for skilled workers to meet current and future business needs. Identify any workforce advantages or deficiencies. Can Kendall County’s and the region’s current workforce capabilities to support the targeted industries?

Analysis would aid the communities in determining the amount of industrial land area needed to support development of targeted industries to maximize comparative advantage. Is enough industrial-zoned land available in the communities to support targeted industries in 10 years? 20 years? Is the industrial-zoned land served by adequate infrastructure (roads, utilities)? Is the industrial-zoned land buffered from single-family residential areas?

Study would analyze and provide guidance for a sustainable ratio of industrial, commercial, and residential tax base. Study would analyze the CMAP region’s communities’ tax base ratios and correlating total tax rates (all taxing units of community). The study will also help to compare the tax rates of successful mature communities to that of successfully emerging communities to help broaden the tax base and address declining equalized assessed value and increasing property tax rates in Kendall County.

After determining target industries in which Kendall County has a competitive advantage, the study will determine whether existing sites zoned for target industries are adequately served by existing roadway and rail infrastructure. If deficiencies exist with roadway and rail service to sites targeting the most desirable industries, what steps can the local governments implement to address these deficiencies to improve and enhance the infrastructure necessary to develop targeted industries.

Resources

- Kendall Economic Development Alliance (including Waubonsee Community College Workforce Development)
- Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center
- Caterpillar, Inc.
- Argonne National Laboratory
- CMAP
MOVE YOURSELF IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

KENDALL COUNTY JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friday, June 6, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Waubonsee Community College
Plano Campus
100 Waubonsee Dr., Plano, Illinois

FEATURING:
- Local employers — looking to hire!
- Informative workshops and employer panels
- Community resources

For info on participating employers, workshops and directions visit: www.waubonsee.edu/jobfairs

For more information call (630) 466-2360. The Kendall Area Transit service will provide transportation to and from the event for $3 round trip. Call (877) 446-4528 to request a ride.

WCC does not discriminate based on any characteristic protected by law in its programs and activities.
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