MERAMEC REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE LUNCHEON
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
11:30 am

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions: The committee went around the room and introduced themselves for the group.

Review of January 16, 2018 Meeting: Anne Freand reviewed the previous meeting summary with the committee which included Crystal Jones, SEMO, spoke on the Entrepreneurship assessment which was started in 2015. Staff also asked each member in attendance to review their community's needs. No approval of the meeting summary is required by the committee.

Review of Upcoming Meeting Schedule: Anne Freand presented the upcoming meeting dates which will focus on each of the four goals for the rewrite of the CEDS.

June 20, 2018: Goal 1 – Economic Development
July 11, 2018: Goal 2 – Infrastructure
July 31, 2018: Goal 3 – Strong Communities
August 8, 2018: Goal 4 - ??
October 30, 2018 – Review of draft CEDS

The draft plan will be presented to the Planning Committee and MRPC Board on November 8, 2018 and the final plans will be presented for approval by the MRPC Board on December 13, 2018.

Review of CEDS Format: The committee discussed the best layout for the document and agreed on a format similar to the examples provided by staff (Triangle J region and others provided by NADO and CEDS Central). The committee liked the horizontal style with modern formatting and the inclusion of infographics, pictures, and other stylized elements.

Discussion of Priority Goals for Meramec Region: Staff presented the first three goals which will address economic development, infrastructure, and strong communities. The fourth goal, which was surveyed by members of the committee and other stakeholders in the region, was voted to be workforce issues in the Meramec region. The group discussed a number of focus items for each goal that staff added to the sheet. It was noted that the infrastructure goals should be clear to include physical and cyber infrastructure for those that are not familiar with the difference between traditional water/sewer systems and cyber which includes broadband, etc.

Next Meeting: The Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 20th at 9:00 am.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm.