

**MERAMEC REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE LUNCHEON**

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

12:00 pm

The meeting will be held at the Meramec Regional Planning Commission
large conference room, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James.
A light lunch will be served.

MEETING AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of April 18, 2016 Minutes

III. Update of the CEDS: A complete revision of the CEDS is due to EDA on 12/31/18.
Staff will review the following items as it relates to the CEDS

- a. Purpose of CEDS
- b. Review of Chapters & Goals/Objectives
- c. Process for revision
- d. Role that CEDS Advisory Committee members will play

IV. Economic Development Activities Across the Region: Participants will be asked to answer the following questions for their local jurisdictions/organizations:

- a. Does your jurisdiction offer any financing tools to stimulate private investment?
- b. Are you provided with sufficient information about business/industry financing options? At what level do you feel you are lacking information— federal/state/regional/local? Are the businesses/industries in your jurisdiction well-informed?
- c. What potential/new national and international markets for manufactured and/or agricultural products has your jurisdiction explored?

III. Next Meeting: Staff and the Committee will complete a SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) analysis for the region.

Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 12:00 noon.

IV. Adjournment