

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Committee Members Present: Cunningham, Chávez, Elkins, Kramer, Munt, Rummel, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Commers

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Cunningham called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Kramer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 special meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

2015-15 Livable Communities Act Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Grant Recommendations Senior Planner Marcus Martin presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council (1) award thirteen 13 Tax Base Revitalization Account grants as follows and (2) authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council:

Projects recommended for November 2014 TBRA funding cycle:	Recommended amount
Contamination Site Investigation	
Saint Louis Park EDA – Wolfe Park Recreation Center	\$50,000
Saint Paul – Schmidt Keg House	\$24,300
Saint Paul – University and Vandalia Mixed Use	\$28,200
Contamination Cleanup	
Brooklyn Center EDA – MBC II	\$400,000
Fridley HRA – Northern Stacks Phase II	\$600,000

Hastings HEDRA – Hudson Manufacturing Redevelopment	\$78,000
Minneapolis – 602 Residences	\$60,100
Minneapolis – Leef Park	\$641,000
Minneapolis – Manufacturer’s Building	\$106,200
Minneapolis – New Horizon Academy	\$35,900
Minneapolis – Washington Chicago Redevelopment	\$423,400
Saint Paul Port Authority – Midway Stadium	\$750,000
White Bear Lake – The Waters Senior Living	\$101,700
TOTAL	\$3,298,800

Motion carried.

A clarification was requested regarding the statutory funding limits.

2015-16 Public Hearing Report and Adoption of the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan

Planning Analyst Jan Youngquist and Research Analyst Raintry Salk presented the report to the Committee.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council:

- Accept the public hearing report on the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*
- Adopt the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* as part of the comprehensive development guide for the metropolitan area authorized under Minnesota Statutes sections 473.145, superseding and replacing any park policies adopted by the Council prior to May 28, 2014 adoption of *Thrive MSP 2040*.

Motion carried.

Committee Members complimented staff for their work addressing equity and the focus on regional park use among people of color, particularly in light of changing demographics. Chair Cunningham also complimented staff for their due diligence to ensure the community was involved throughout the planning process. Chair Cunningham asked whether changes had been made based on recommendations received during the public hearing process. Staff stated clarity and additional language was added to the plan based on comments received.

2015-17 City of Inver Grove Heights Blackstone Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20614-8

Planning Analyst Patrick Boylan reviewed the City’s proposal to the Committee.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Inver Grove Heights to put *Blackstone* comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the comments in the Review Record for Aviation, Regional Parks and Trails, and Surface Water Management.

Motion carried.

Chair Cunningham asked if the amendment would affect affordable housing. Boylan replied that there was enough land in the City guided at densities high enough to allow the market to develop affordable units.

INFORMATION

1. Local Planning Handbook Update – Senior Planner Angela Torres provided an update on the work done for Local Planning resources. She demonstrated web resources and information.
2. Update on Twin Cities Fiscal Disparities Program – Research Analyst Deb Detrick provided an update on the Twin Cities Fiscal Disparities Program.

Beth Reetz, Interim Community Development Director announced the cancellation of the February 2nd Community Development Committee meeting. Also, requested ideas from the Committee regarding the 2015 Community Development Committee work plan and suggestions for locations for upcoming off-site Community Development Committee meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary