

Minutes

Committee of the Whole



Meeting date: November 15, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Charlie Zelle
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- Deb Barber, District 4
- John Pacheco Jr., District 5

- Robert Lilligren, District 6
- Yassin Osman, District 7
- Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Gail Cederberg, District 11

- Susan Vento, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present

Call to order

Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was not yet present.

Agenda approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Information

1. Imagine 2050 Engagement Update

Darcie Vandegrift, Principal Researcher, Community Development shared an Imagine 2050 Engagement update. Vandegrift began with an overview of the engagement process and stakeholder groups. Vandegrift then allowed for 20 minutes of discussion of Council member priorities. Council member comments included an engagement summary that included competition, safety, affordable housing, equity, Areas of Concentrated Poverty, homelessness, and water quality. Vandegrift then shared engagement themes by regional goal. The regional goals are: 1. Our region is equitable and inclusive; 2. Our communities are healthy and safe; 3. Our region is dynamic and resilient; 4. We lead on addressing climate change; and 5. We protect and restore natural systems. Vandegrift reviewed each goal and allowed for comments from Council members. Council members asked to be notified when the staff meet with officials and individuals in their districts.

Approval of minutes

A quorum now being present, it was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried.

Information

2. Scenario Planning and Regional Parks and Trails Analysis

Emmett Mullin, Senior Manager, Regional Planning, shared an overview of the regional parks

system vision. Colin Kelly, Planning Analyst, Regional Planning, shared findings based on a series of meetings and engagements. Tracey Kinney, Senior Planner, Regional Planning, shared information about acquisition and growth. They then shared the connections of these findings to land use.

Council members had questions and comments including maintenance of assets, natural resource protection and restoration, and connection of regional trails to transit and local businesses.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole meeting of November 15, 2023.

Approved this 6th day of December 2023.

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