

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, March 17, 2014

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

Committee Members Absent: Rummel

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 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2014.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Elkins to postpone the 3rd information item on the Housing Policy Plan to the April 21, 2014 Community Development Committee meeting and approved the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2014 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

Consent

2014-58 Board Resolution 2014-5, Minnesota Housing Bridges Rental Assistance Program

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Kramer, that the Metropolitan Council adopt a resolution, required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement to increase the program size and funding for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

Motion carried.

2014-59 Request for Reimbursement Consideration for Future Mississippi River Regional Trail Construction, Anoka County

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

1. Consider reimbursing Anoka County up to \$340,000 from its share of future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Programs financed with Parks and Trails Legacy Funds for construction of a segment of the Mississippi River Regional Trail from Mississippi Community Park in the City of Anoka to Mississippi West Regional Park in the City of Ramsey.
2. Acknowledge that the Council does not, under any circumstances, represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

Motion carried.

2014-60 Amend Scope of Park Grants SG-2012-035, SG-2012-049, City of Bloomington

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

1. Approve an amendment to grant SG-2012-035, "Development Project," to add, "of the total grant amount, \$147,328.47 may provide partial funding to reconstruct Normandale Lake parking lot and driveway, add new lighting, add a new connector trail, resurface Normandale Lake boat ramp, and complete landscaping and associated storm water management improvements, plus design/engineering fees and contingencies."
2. Approve an amendment to grant SG-2012-049, Grant Contract "(2) Grant Project", to substitute, "at Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve, grant partial funding to reconstruct Normandale Lake parking lot and driveway, add new lighting, add new connector trail, resurface Normandale Lake boat ramp, complete landscaping and associated storm water management improvements, plus design/engineering fees and contingencies."

Motion carried.

2014-61 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve (7907 Lea Road), City of Bloomington

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

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$187,029 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to the City of Bloomington to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire 0.5 acres at 7907 Lea Road, Bloomington for Hyland-Bush-Anderson Lakes Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:
 - \$112,217 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and
 - \$74,812 from Metropolitan Council bondsThe grant will be matched with up to \$62,343 provided by the City of Bloomington.
2. Consider reimbursing the City of Bloomington up to \$62,343, its 25% share of the total acquisition costs, from a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program. The Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
3. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.

Motion carried.

2014-62 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Intercity Regional Trail, Three Rivers Park District

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

Authorize a grant of up to \$55,400 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Three Rivers Park District to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire five permanent public trailway easements for the Intercity Regional Trail as described in Attachments 1 to 7. The grant should be financed with:

- \$33,240 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and

- \$22,160 from Metropolitan Council bonds
The grant will be matched with up to \$18,465 by Three Rivers Park District.
1. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.

Motion carried.

Non-consent

2014-64 2014 Approve the 2014 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan (Beth Reetz 651 602-1060; Paul Burns 651 602-1106)

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Chávez, to remove references to equity the Committee voted to recommend approval of the 2014 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan. **Motion carried.**

Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns presented an overview of the 2014 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan. The Plan sets out the funding amounts, timetables and funding criteria for the Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA), the LCDA and the Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA).

The Community Development Committee had discussed the Plan at two previous meetings. The primary topic of conversation was how best to incorporate direction from the *Thrive MSP 2040* draft regarding the outcomes of stewardship, prosperity, livability and sustainability, and most specifically equity. The *Thrive* draft indicates the Council, will ask grant applicants to describe how their proposed projects will provide opportunities for people living in concentrated and racially-concentrated areas of poverty and/or lower-income households. Committee members expressed the need to take more time to determine the best methods to measure such responses. Patricia Nauman, Executive Director of the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities, encouraged the Committee to avoid asking a question that did not yet have any identified standards by which to judge responses. She also offered to work with the Council to help facilitate discussions with communities to develop a more clear set of goals for communities to work towards providing more opportunities to improving equity in the region. The Committee decided not to include a question of this nature in the grant application in 2014, but to further discussions about ways to incorporate for the 2015 Fund Distribution Plan.

2014-65 Authorization to Amend the 2014 Unified Budget: First Quarter Amendment
Regional Planning Director Mark VanderSchaaf presented to report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff, that Metropolitan Council amend the 2014 Unified Budget in accordance with this memorandum and the attached table. **Motion carried.**

2013-314 Public Hearing Report Regarding Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Rule Changes as Amendment to 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan

Parks and Natural Resources manager Arne Stefferud provided an overview to the committee.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Wulff, to table this item until the May Community Development meeting. **Motion carried.**

2014-63 City of Prior Lake County Road 42 Study Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 19494-5

Senior Planner Angela Torres presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chavez, seconded by Munt, that Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Prior Lake to put the County Road 42 Study Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

The Community Development committee did not have any questions. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

1. Economic Competitiveness Initiatives

Janna King and Mark VanderSchaaf presented a report on Economic Competitiveness.

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2. Regional Park Usage Among Select Communities of Color
Rainry Salk presented a report on the research study of Regional Park usage among select communities of color.

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ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary