

## Minutes of the

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, July 21, 2014

**Committee Members Present: Cunningham, Chávez, Commers, Elkins, Munt, Rummel, Wulff**

**Committee Members Absent: Kramer**

**Committee Members Excused:**

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Cunningham called the special meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2014.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Munt to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

Two people requested to speak in front of the Community Development Committee regarding the draft housing policy plan. Chair Cunningham honored their request and gave them three minutes to speak.

The first speaker was Myron Orfield, from the University of Minnesota. Mr. Orfield stated the draft Housing Policy Plan does not fulfill statutes, perpetuates segregation, gutted housing policies, the policy language is vague and there is no enforcement power.

The second speaker was Joy Marsh Stephens from ISIAH. Ms. Stephens stated the draft falls short for racial equity. The plan failed to maximize integration, no targets and let's affluent neighbors off the hook. Fears the plan perpetuates the schools to prison pipeline. A strong statement for equity is needed not a watered down plan. She stated ISIAH supports the amendment.

### BUSINESS

#### Consent

**2014-140** Crow-Hassan Park Reserve Master Plan Amendment, and Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Crow-Hassan Park Reserve (27280 Tucker Road), Three Rivers Park District

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

1. Approve an amendment to the Crow-Hassan Park Reserve Master Plan to change the park reserve boundary to add the property at 27280 Tucker Road.
2. Authorize a grant of up to \$505,560 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Three Rivers Park District to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire a 38.56-acre parcel at 27280 Tucker Road for Crow-Hassan Park Reserve (Attachment 2), financed as follows:

- \$111,369 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and
- \$394,191 from Metropolitan Council bonds

Three Rivers Park District will match the grant with up to \$168,520, its 25% share of the total acquisition cost.

3. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.

**Motion carried.**

**2014-178** Request for Reimbursement Consideration for Lilydale Regional Park Improvement Projects, City of Saint Paul

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Wulff, That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Consider reimbursing City of Saint Paul up to \$500,000 from its share of future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) for Phase II of the Lilydale Regional Park Master Plan implementation projects. These include 3,200 lineal feet of new roadway and bike lanes, more than 3,000 lineal feet of new trails, a trailhead parking lot, surface water features, burial of overhead power lines, installation of sanitary and water utilities, signage, slope stabilization and landscaping.
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.**

**2014-179** Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve, JMJM Property (2), Scott County/Three Rivers Park District

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Wulff, That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$950,781 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Scott County to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire 146 acres located in Blakeley Township at 24236 Union Trail, for the Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve. The grant is financed as follows:
  - \$570,469 from the Fiscal Year 2015 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and
  - \$380,312 from Metropolitan Council bonds
 Scott County will match the grant with up to \$316,927 for its 25% share of the total acquisition costs.
2. Consider reimbursing the Scott County up to \$316,927, 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.**

**2014-180** Ridgway Parkway Regional Trail Master Plan, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

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

1. Approve the Ridgway Parkway Regional Trail Development Master Plan (Referral No. 50045-1).
2. Authorize a grant of \$382,000 to partially finance an overlook redevelopment project included in the master plan that is consistent with the 2014 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program.
3. Require that prior to initiating the overlook redevelopment project and any future construction identified in the master plan, that preliminary plans be sent to Scott Denz, Interceptor Engineering Manager (651-602-4503) at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.

**Motion carried.**

**2014-181** Minor Amendment to 2014 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council approve a minor amendment to the 2014 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program as depicted below:

Park Agency	Project Description	CIP Amount As Proposed	CIP Amount As Amended
Mpls. Park & Rec. Board (MPRB)	Construct Ridgway Parkway RT overlook pending Metro Council review and approval of master plan	\$382,000	\$382,000
Mpls. Park & Rec. Board (MPRB)	Above the Falls RP development pending Metro Council review and approval of master plan	\$979,000	\$100,000
Mpls. Park & Rec. Board (MPRB)	Repave existing parkway streets to and through regional parks, parking lots, and stormwater management improvements plus replace associated lighting with 50% state (the grant) and 50% non-state funding.	\$0	\$879,000
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,361,000</b>	<b>\$1,361,000</b>

**Motion carried.**

## Non-Consent

### 2014-139 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Intercity Regional Trail, One Easement, Three Rivers Park District

Parks & Natural Resources Manager Arne Stefferud presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

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

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$18,911 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Three Rivers Park District to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire a permanent public trailway easement for the Intercity Regional Trail (Attachment 2), financed as follows:

- \$11,347 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and
- \$7,564 from Metropolitan Council bonds

Three Rivers Park District will match the grant with up to \$6,303, its 25% share of the total acquisition cost.

2. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.
3. Inform Three Rivers Park District that this action does not set a precedent allowing other land acquisition grant requests to be considered after a regional park agency has acquired land.

#### Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee had no questions.

### 2014-183 Livable Communities Act Spring Round Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Site Investigation and Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) Pre-Development Grant Recommendations

Senior Planner Adam Maleitzke presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council award four Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development grants and two Tax Base Revitalization Account Transit-Oriented Development grants as follows:

Recommended Projects	City	Recommended Amount	
		LCDA-TOD	TBRA-TOD
Shady Oak Zoning	Hopkins/Minnetonka	\$50,000	\$0
Target Field Station – Pad A	Minneapolis	\$0	\$26,625
PLACE	St. Louis Park	\$100,000	\$0
NW University/Dale	St. Paul	\$40,000	\$0
Downtown East Park	Minneapolis	\$60,000	\$0
729 Washington Avenue N	Minneapolis	\$0	\$98,000

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$124,625</b>
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**Motion carried.**

Chair Cunningham asked if RCAP's were indicated in this report. Adam Maleitzke pointed out the three projects with RCAP's indicated on slide 3.

**2014-182** Revision to Livable Communities Act Grant Amendment Guidelines

Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns presented the report to the Community Development Committee

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Elkins, that the Community Development Committee approve changing the Livable Communities Act grant amendment process and all active Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grant agreements, including LCDA Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and regular-program LCDA grants, to allow:

- grantees the discretion to reallocate up to 20% of the grant amount among the grant-funded activities, provided: (1) the grant funds may be used only for project activities for which the Council awarded the grant funds; (2) that the reallocation does not significantly change the project deliverables; and (3) the grantee receives written permission from Council staff prior to reallocating any grant funds. • staff to administratively approve budget reallocation requests that exceed 20% of the grant amount, provided that the reallocation does not significantly change the project deliverables.

**Motion carried.**

The Community Development Committee had no questions.

**2014-184 SW** Release the draft version of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment and set public hearing date

Libby Starling, Manager of Regional Policy and Research, presented this item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Commers, that the Metropolitan Council:

- Release the draft version of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment;
- Conduct a public hearing on September 15, 2014 regarding the draft version of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment;
- Keep the hearing record open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2014; and
- Direct staff to publish public hearing notices and distribute copies of the draft *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment under the Council's administrative procedure for public hearings.

Ms. Starling outlined recent changes to the plan and key areas of impact. Starling emphasized that the action is to release the draft plan for public comment through the end of September.

Motion by Chávez, seconded by Rummel. Council members discussed the plan and expressed their interest in strengthening the language around fair housing and the role the Council should play in ensuring fair housing.

Munt introduced an amendment, seconded by Commers. After discussion, the amendment passed by a 5-2 vote. The amendment is on the second page of this business item and has been incorporated as a redline in the accompanying draft plan.

The motion passed by a 6-1 vote.

## **INFORMATION**

1. Local Planning Handbook update – Project Manager Angela Torres presented to the Community Development Committee the work done to update the Local Planning Handbook.

Committee members suggested publishing the Handbook on the Met Council websites and off-site, and to include information on best practices and zoning codes. Committee members agreed this is a good resource and very helpful to communities.

2. Presentation from the City of Wayzata – Bryan Gadow, Community Development Director for the City of Wayzata provided some highlights of development in Wayzata. Bryan highlighted the Promenade of Wayzata construction, Lake Minnetonka Scenic Byway concept, and the Wayzata Lake Effect project.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Michele Wenner

Recording Secretary