

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: December 1, 2014

Subject: Land Use Advisory Committee Report

District(s), Member(s): District 14, Jon Commers

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes, sections 473.127 and 473.853

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Division/Department: Community Development Division

Proposed Action

No action is proposed.

Background

The Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) provides advice and assistance on metropolitan land use, comprehensive planning, and matters of metropolitan significance as requested by the Council.

The committee has 17 members and a chair, Council Member Commers. Half of committee members must be elected officials of local governmental units.

Rationale

The 2014 work plan for the Community Development Committee includes periodic reports from the Land Use Advisory Committee.

Overview

In September, Committee members continued to give input and direction on two projects designed to help communities updating local comprehensive plans following the release of System Statements in the fall of 2015. [Agenda](#) items included:

- [Local Planning Handbook Website Demonstration](#) of pages covering Plan Elements and Land Use, the Community Page, and Community Highlights; and
- [Planning Assistance Fund](#) information on eligibility criteria and award amounts.

The Land Use Advisory Committee focused on the same [Agenda](#) topics in November:

- [Local Planning Handbook Website Demonstration](#), featuring progress on the Community Page with information dynamically generated for each community;
- [Planning Assistance Fund](#) options for comparing eligibility criteria and potential award amounts in response to earlier comments by the Committee; and
- [Meeting Dates and 2015 Draft Work Plan](#), introduced for further discussion in 2015.

The Committee will give more feedback on development of the Local Planning Handbook, as well as input on a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Guide, through August 2015. In early 2015, the Committee will give further advice and make recommendations on the Planning Assistance Fund. Committee members will also prepare for the release of System Statements next year and potential System Statement hearings.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

N/A