

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, June 16, 2014

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

Committee Members Absent:

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, June 16, 2014.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Rummel to move the 2nd info up in the order of the agenda to the 2nd item after the consent item and approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Rummel to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS – Consent

2014-141 Land Exchange of 0.63 acres and Associated Master Plan Boundary Amendment and Restrictive Covenant Changes for Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, Scott County and Three Rivers Park District

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

1. Approve releasing the restrictive covenant on 0.63 acres of land in Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve needed for a round-about intersection of 154th Street and Murphy Lake Blvd. in exchange for 0.63 acres provided by the City of Savage adjacent to the Park Reserve as depicted in Figures 1 and 2.
2. Approve a master plan boundary amendment to Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve that deletes the 0.63 acres needed for the round-about intersection and adds 0.63 acres provided by the City of Savage as depicted on Figure 1.

Motion carried. The Community Development Committee had no questions.

INFORMATION

1. Housing Needs and Demographic Trends: Presentation by Arthur C. Nelson, Ph.D., FAICP

TWIN CITIES Metropolitan Council Trends, Preferences & Opportunities: 2010 to 2020, 2030 and 2040 Summary Assessment; information on New Housing Market realities, population changes, household changes, housing demand, job growth, and non-residential development.

BUSINESS – Non-Consent

2014-142 Establish Public Hearing Date – 2015 Five Year and Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2015 Five (5) Year and Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan on August 18, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Motion carried. The Community Development Committee had no questions.

2014-138 LCA Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Grant Recommendations

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council: (1) amend the 2014 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan (adopted on March 26, 2014) to transfer \$76,500 from the Tax Base Revitalization Account-Transit Oriented Development (TBRA-TOD) grant category to the spring funding round for regular TBRA; and (2) award ten (10) Tax Base Revitalization Account grants as follows:

Projects recommended for May 2014 TBRA funding cycle:	Recommended amount
Contamination Site Investigation	
Minneapolis – Leef Services	\$50,000
Contamination Cleanup	
Edina – Pentagon Park South	\$448,100
Hastings HEDRA – Hudson Manufacturing Redevelopment	\$93,400
Minneapolis – 800 West Broadway	\$205,800
Minneapolis – East Side Station	\$712,200
Minneapolis – Miller Bag Building	\$23,600
Saint Louis Park EDA – Nestle	\$365,700
Saint Paul – Hamm’s Brewery Redevelopment	\$385,700
Saint Paul – Mississippi Market	\$92,000
Saint Paul Port Authority – Phalen Park Office Center	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$2,576,500

Motion carried. A question was asked about the recommended reduction in a grant request associated with assumed asbestos-containing materials. Applicants are expected to sample and confirm the amount of asbestos to be abated to help determine the right amount of financial support needed.

2014-143 Implementation of Thrive in the Review of Local Comp Plan Amendments

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

1. Issue System Statements to communities in the seven-county metropolitan area in September 2015, with local comprehensive plan updates due to the Council by December 31, 2018.
2. Accept comprehensive plan amendments to 2030 local comprehensive plans through June 30, 2018. Proposed amendments must be submitted and found complete for review by June 30, 2018, in order to be considered by the Council and authorized to be placed into effect. After June 30, 2018, the Council will no longer accept amendments to 2030 local comprehensive plans.
3. Develop 2020 and 2030 forecasts for *Thrive MSP 2040* in the summer of 2014, and revise all forecasts for inclusion with System Statements in 2015.
4. Advise communities that:
 - a. Upon issuance of System Statements, all communities must use regional policy and metropolitan system plans adopted by the Council in 2014 and 2015 for all local comprehensive plan updates and for all comprehensive plan amendments submitted to the Council for review after December 31, 2015.
 - b. For comprehensive plan amendments submitted and found complete for review before December 31, 2015, communities may choose to have those amendments reviewed under the *2030 Regional Development Framework* and its metropolitan system plans or under *Thrive MSP 2040* and its metropolitan system plans, provided that the proposed amendment is not found more likely than not to have a substantial impact on or contain a substantial departure from metropolitan system plans adopted in 2014 and 2015.
 - c. For comprehensive plan amendments submitted before the issuance of System Statements, the Council will consider any requests for forecast changes in light of *Thrive MSP 2040* forecasts and modeling and consider interim revisions to those forecasts for inclusion in 2015 System Statements. Council staff will work with communities on how best to incorporate any proposed forecast changes into 2030 local comprehensive plans.

Motion carried. Committee member Rummel asked why we should allow amendments to 2030 local comprehensive plans now that Thrive MSP 2040 is adopted. Barajas explained that 2030 local comprehensive plans remain in full force and effect until such time that they are amended or updated as required by the Metropolitan Land Planning Act. The next update deadline is December 31, 2018, and until then, existing plans remain in effect. Committee member Rummel asked whether there were many amendments in the last iteration of the review cycle. Barajas responded that in the mid-2000s, the region was in an economic boom and development was strong. The existing 1998 plans did not anticipate that boom, and so many were amended to accommodate development driven requests. That resulted in upwards of 300 amendments reviewed during the peak years.

Committee member Elkins asked whether the proposed process would allow another opportunity to comment on their forecasts. Libby Starling, Regional Policy and Research Manager, explained the upcoming forecast revisions and the key drivers of that effort, including giving communities the most up-to-date forecasts available by incorporating any changes nationally and any updated policies that come out of the final systems and policies plans.

Motion to approve the proposed actions was made and seconded. Committee member Commers proposed an amendment to the motion to clarify the first proposed action by modifying it to read "Direct staff to plan to issue system statements..." The Committees agreed to the proposed amendment.

2014-144 Confirmation of System Plan Revisions for the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan (Jan Youngquist 651 602-1029; Raintry Salk 651 602-1669)

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

1. Add the following proposed Regional Trail Search Corridors to the Regional Parks System in the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan as shown and described in **Attachment A**.

Carver County:

- County Road 61
- Highway 41

Three Rivers Park District:

- West Mississippi River (modified)
- Lake Independence Extension
- North-South 1 (modified)
- Minnetrista Extension
- CP Rail Extension
- North-South 3 (modified)
- Lake Sarah Extension (modified)
- Dakota Rail Extension (modified)

2. Remove the Thompson–Kaposia Regional Park Study Area from the Regional Parks System Plan as part of the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan.

Motion carried.

Committee members questioned the multi-modal plan and the debate over bike plans being included in the transportation plans. Also discussed was the idea of recreation vs. transportation; the use of regional trail and rail right of ways.

INFORMATION

2. 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Update on Special Recreation Features, Master Plans & System Protection

Planning Analyst Jan Youngquist and Senior Research Raintry Salk provided the Community Development Committee a presentation on the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Update on Special Recreation Features, Master Plans & System Protection.

3. Economic Competitiveness Work Program (Janna King; Mark VanderSchaaf) **postponed to 7/21 CDC meeting.**

Community Development Division Director Guy Peterson mentioned to the Committee the possibility of a Joint Transportation/Community Development Committee meeting on July 14, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary