

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

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

**Committee Members Absent:** Munt

**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 4:35 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Commers to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

#### BUSINESS

**2013-314** Public Hearing to Amend the 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan for Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Rules

Rainry Salk provided an overview to the Community Development Committee of the 2030 Regional Park Policy Plan. Chair Cunningham opened the public hearing and called for the first person signed in to testify.

Testifying: Jonathon Vlaming, Three Rivers Park District  
Steve Sullivan, Dakota County  
Mark Themig, Scott County

The three thanked staff. All supported the proposed changes in the Parks policy plan.

The hearing will remain open until 4:30 Friday, February 28, 2014.

**2014-37** Restrictive covenant agreement replacement on property acquired for Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary

Regional Parks and Natural Resources manager Arne Stefferud presented the report to the committee. It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Kramer, that the Metropolitan Council approves the restrictive covenant agreement replacement on property acquired for the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary as depicted in Attachment 3 and authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute the agreement.

The committee had no questions.

**Motion carried.**

**2014-44** Linwood Township 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20707-1

Planning analyst Patrick Boylan presented the report to the Committee.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Elkins, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following actions:

1. Authorize Linwood Township to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Advise the Township to adopt the new forecasts for employment as shown in Table 1 in the Review Record.
3. Implement the advisory comments for Parks

**Motion carried.**

Committee members discussed if there was a simpler process for Cities and Townships and if there were resources available for communities to use.

LPA Planning Manager LisaBeth Barajas responded that Staff understands the difficulty facing Linwood Township and other communities with limited resources in completing a comp plan update and that the Council intends to address the issue in several ways before the next round of comprehensive plan updates.

**2014-34** Authorization to Amend Metropolitan Council 2014 Unified Operating Budget – Carry Forward (Beth Reetz 651 602-1060; Arne Stefferud )

LCA Director Beth Reetz and Regional Parks and Natural Resources manager Arne Stefferud presented the report to the committee.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Chávez, that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2014 Unified Budget as indicated below and in accordance with the attached table. **Motion carried.**

The committee had one question regarding forecast reviews and Research manager Libby Starling explained the outside validation of forecast reviews.

**2014-38** 2014 Community Development Committee Work Plan

Community Development Director Guy Peterson presented the report to the committee.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel, the Community Development Committee adopt this work plan for itself for 2014 understanding that it is to serve as a guide for its work but is subject to revision as needed or directed by its Chair and the Committee.

**Motion carried.**

The committee requested more information on the LCA Fund Distribution Plan. And suggested more Housing Policy Plan information posted online. Chair Cunningham complimented the work plan and the addition of a Gantt chart.

## **INFORMATION**

### 1. Challenges of Affordable Housing Finance

Anne Heitlinger, Senior Underwriter at Minnesota Housing (MHFA) and Jonathan Stanley, Housing Planning Analyst at the Met Council, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Community Development Committee and discussed challenges in the affordable housing finance, development process, balancing mission and risk, key participants in the delivery of affordable housing, and current and potential tools to address affordable housing need in the region.

### 2. 2014 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan (Paul Burns 651 602-1106)

Livable Communities Director Beth Reetz and LCA manager Paul Burns provided a PowerPoint presentation and discussion on the Fund Distribution Plan. The Community Development Committee had many questions regarding the plan; its impact, RCAPs, scoring, policy approaches and more. Chair Cunningham requested this item be put back on an upcoming agenda. Staff responded and announced this discussion will be continued at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Development Committee meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Michele Wenner  
Recording Secretary