Community Development Committee

Meeting date: April 20, 2015

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

Staff Prepared/Presented: Deb Detrick, Local Planning Assistance (651-602-1327)

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 currently has 14 members and a chair, Council Member Commers. Half of committee members must be elected officials of local governmental units.

Rationale

The 2015 work plan for the Community Development Committee includes periodic reports from the Land Use Advisory Committee.

Overview

In March, the Council appointed 14 members to the Land Use Advisory Committee and Council Member Commers as Chair. Committee members continued to give feedback on resources designed to help communities update local comprehensive plans following the release of System Statements in the fall of 2015.

Agenda items in January included:

- Planning Assistance Fund eligibility criteria and award amounts;
- Progress on developing the Local Planning Handbook and demonstration of an Interactive Mapping Tool; and
- Introduction to Transit Oriented Development Guide and survey results.

The committee covered these Agenda topics in March:

- Update on Planning Assistance Grant Program; and
- Information about the Local Planning Handbook, a demonstration of Community Highlights on the website, and a presentation on Mapping Services.

Committee members also discussed topics planned for upcoming agendas, summarized in an updated 2015 Work Plan. This includes preparing for the release of System Statements and potential System Statement hearings.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

N/A