

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: December 21, 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

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Division/Department: Community Development Division

Proposed Action

No action is proposed.

Background

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

After recent appointments, 17 members serve on the committee chaired by Council Member Commers. One vacancy remains in District 3. Half of committee members must be locally elected officials.

The Land Use Advisory Committee discussed two main topics on November 19, preparing for potential system statement hearings and its 2016 work plan. In state law and the Land Use Advisory Committee Bylaws, the committee has a role in conducting hearings to resolve disagreements over the content of System Statements. Committee members are uniquely qualified to hold system statement hearings because of their involvement in developing the Local Planning Handbook, input on 2015 System Statements, recommendations to the Council on geographic planning areas, and feedback on *Thrive MSP 2040* and the *2040 Transportation Policy Plan*. During the committee's first discussion of the 2016 work plan, many members were interested in affordable housing, including topics such as housing performance scores and guidance on implementation.

In November, [Agenda](#) items included:

- Preparing for Potential System Statement Hearings
 - [PowerPoint presentation](#)
 - [State law on System Statement Reconciliation Procedures](#)
 - [Fact Sheet in Local Planning Handbook on System Statement Dispute Steps](#)
 - [Chart](#) showing what happens after a hearing is requested before LUAC; and
- [Discussion of 2016 Work Plan](#)

The committee will discuss its work plan again in January 2016.

Rationale

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

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

N/A