

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, June 1, 2015

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

**Committee Members Absent: Dorfman, 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 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the Monday, June 1, 2015 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

#### BUSINESS - Consent

**2015-119** Nicollet Island East Bank Neighborhood Small Area Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20348-5

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

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Minneapolis to place the *Nicollet Island East Bank Small Area Plan* comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement advisory comments on Transit.

**Motion carried.**

**2015-110** City of Minneapolis request for a Project Change to the TBRA Grant, East Side Station, Grant No. SG014-023

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

- (1) approve a project change for the Tax Base Revitalization Account grant for the *East Side Station* project in the City of Minneapolis, formerly known as *Superior Plating*, acknowledging a reduction in the number of housing units and the amount of increased net tax capacity to be produced by the project; and (2) authorize the Community Development Director to execute an amendment to Grant No. SG014-023 reflecting the change.

**Motion carried.**

## Non-consent

**2015-111** Authorization to Amend the 2015 Unified Budget—Second Quarter Amendment  
It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Chavez, that the Metropolitan Council:

Authorize the amendment of the 2015 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with this memorandum and the attached table. **Motion carried.**

The Community Development Committee had no questions.

The Community Development Chair commended Arne Stefferud on his many years of service and wished him a happy retirement. The Committee, staff and audience gave Mr. Stefferud a standing ovation.

## INFORMATION

Discuss public comments received on the amendment to the 2040 Housing Policy Plan

Research and Policy Manager Libby Starling, along with Housing policy staff Tara Beard and Jonathan Stanley presented to the Community Development Committee an overview of comments received regarding the 2040 Housing Policy Plan.

On March 25, 2015, the Metropolitan Council formally released the draft amendment to the *2040 Housing Policy Plan* for public comment. The public comment period and the public hearing record remained open through May 15, 2015.

During the public comment period, the Council received 33 written submissions including comments from:

21 cities, with one comment from a local elected official supplementing a staff comment

5 counties and county organizations, representing four of the region's seven counties

5 organizations, with one letter on behalf of an additional four organizations

1 resident

The four individuals who testified at the May 4, 2015 public hearing either submitted written comments or posted their testimony on a public website. All of the public comments and written testimony are separately posted within the meeting agenda.

Staff identified the following key issues and lingering tensions in the public comments:

Housing requirements for local comprehensive plans:

Balancing local desire for flexibility with the need for consistency and clarity in both density expectations and which tools communities choose to use to address their housing need

How to guide land to meet the allocation of affordable housing need in fully-developed communities

Allocation of Affordable Housing Need:

Revisit whether access to transit should be included in the formula for the Allocation of Affordable Housing Need

Address whether some communities have already provided their “fair share” of affordable housing

How to better distinguish the Allocation of Affordable Housing Need from the negotiation of affordable and life-cycle goals for affordable housing production

Lack of resources to build new affordable housing:

What resources are available to meet the need for affordable housing?

The role access to transit should play in the Council’s priorities for affordable housing funding

Housing Performance Score (HPS):

Specific questions about how many points certain elements should receive

Need to review the methodology periodically

Fair Housing:

What opportunities are available for the *Housing Policy Plan* and the Council to do more to support fair housing?

The next Community Development Committee meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> will be held at the City of Savage city hall and the July 6<sup>th</sup> Community Development Committee meeting will most likely be cancelled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Michele Wenner  
Recording Secretary