

Minutes of the

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, September 21, 2015

Committee Members Present: Cunningham, Chávez, Dorfman, Elkins, Letofsky, Munt, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Commers, Kramer

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, September 21, 2015.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Munt to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2015 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

A. Consent

2015-219 East Anoka County Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment, Anoka County (Michael Peterka 651 602-1361; Jan Youngquist 651 602-1029)

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council approve the East Anoka County Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment. **Motion carried.**

2015-220 Highway 96 Regional Trail Snail Lake Marsh Master Plan Amendment, Ramsey County (Michael Peterka 651 602-1361; Jan Youngquist 651 602-1029)

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

1. Approve the Highway 96 Regional Master Plan Amendment to include development plans for the Snail Lake Marsh.
2. Require that prior to initiating development, preliminary plans must be sent to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineer Manager at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.

Motion carried.

2015-221 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Lake Elmo Park Reserve, 10112 10th Street North (Hammes), Washington County (Tori Dupre 651 602-1621)

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

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$707,013 to Washington County to acquire a 33.5 acre property for Lake Elmo Park Reserve. The Metropolitan Council's grant finances up to 75 percent of the total acquisition costs from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund using the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund account. The grant will be financed as follows:
 - \$424,208 from the Fiscal Year 2016 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and
 - \$282,805 from Metropolitan Council bonds
2. Acknowledge Washington County's grant match of \$235,671 that finances at least 25 percent of the total acquisition costs. If the total acquisition costs are higher than estimated, Washington County is responsible for the difference.
3. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement including the restrictive covenant.

Motion carried.

2015-222 Board Resolution No. 2015-20, Minnesota Housing, Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) (Jennifer Keogh 651 602-1584)

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council adopt a resolution, required by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to authorize the Community Development Director to execute a continuation grant agreement for the Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC) Program. **Motion carried.**

B. Non-Consent

2015-223 Accept Public Hearing Report for the 2016-2021 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program (Mark VanderSchaaf 651 602-1441) [CIP presentation]

Regional Planning Director Mark VanderSchaaf presented the report to the Community Development Committee. He first introduced the new Regional Parks & Natural Resources Manager Emmitt Mullin.

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

1. Accept the public hearing report for the 2016-2021 regional parks capital improvement program (CIP);
2. Adopt the 2016-2021 regional parks capital improvement program as an amendment to the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan in accordance with Minn. Stat. 473.147, Subd. 1; and
3. Authorize staff to submit a request to the legislature for \$11 million in state bonds for 2016.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee members asked about the CIP funding, best practices, bonding requests, and land acquisition reimbursements.

2015-224 Approval of the 2016 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan (Jennifer Keogh 651 602-1584) [PHA presentation]

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Letofsky, that the Metropolitan Council approve the 2016 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan, authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications and direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Motion carried.**

Jennifer Keogh, HRA Assistant Manager presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

The Community Development Committee members asked about the 180 days absentee tenant policy, a definition of a permanently absent tenant, the recertification process, and the newly revised mission statement.

INFORMATION

1. Twin Cities Community Land Bank – Strategic Land Acquisition (Sandra Oakes, President, Twin Cities Community Land Bank) [Land Bank presentation]
2. Land Use Advisory Committee Report (Jon Commers; Deb Detrick 651 602-1327) *postponed to 10/5 CDC meeting*
3. City of Chanhassen (Kate Aanenson, Community Development Director) no materials posted

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary