

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: December 19, 2016

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

None.

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.

Sixteen 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 focused on housing in September, including mixed-income housing and affordable housing. Committee members discussed implementation, best practices, and resources such as a Mixed Income Housing Calculator at www.housingcounts.org. The tool shows how different local incentives might help communities diversify their housing stock. Committee members asked a number of questions about research on administrative processes and delays in the pre-application stage of affordable housing development. Committee members discussed ways to address problems.

During November, the Land Use Advisory Committee continued to give advice on development of PlanIt - Comprehensive Plan Training Program. PlanIt includes webinars, workshops, tutorials, expert articles and a conference on December 13, 2016. Committee members learned more about a Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) project and discussed solar energy, the tree canopy and Green Step Cities. Committee members discussed ideas for the 2017 work plan and opportunities to support local governments as they begin updating their comprehensive plans.

In September, [Agenda](#) items covered:

- Mixed Income Housing Feasibility Education and Action Project [Memo](#) and [Fact Sheet](#);
- [Pre-Application Best Practices in Affordable Housing Development](#); and
- ULI MN/Regional Council of Mayors Housing Initiative and Advisory Services [Memo](#), [ULI Housing Initiative - What's Changed](#) and [ULI Advisory Services - It's About Trust](#).

November [Agenda](#) items included:

- [PlanIt Update](#);
- [Planning Resources for Climate Resilience](#); and
- [Draft 2017 Work Plan](#).

The Land Use Advisory Committee will continue to discuss its 2017 work plan on January 19, 2017.