

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: May 16, 2016

Subject: PlanIt: Educational Event Series for Comprehensive Plan Updates

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. § 473.191

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Division/Department: Community Development / Local Planning Assistance

Proposed Action

Information item only. No action required.

Background

Staff will provide a more in-depth presentation on the PlanIt project to the Community Development Committee. The PlanIt project is a comprehensive plan educational program for local planners and planning consultants throughout the region. The intent of the program is to provide guidance on planning requirements, value-added planning, and topics encouraged by Council policy as local planners are working on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Updates. The program will provide a complete portfolio of educational events for planners. The events will cover the range of topic areas in a variety of formats, including:

- Webinars
- Workshops/Seminars
- Conferences
- Online Tutorials
- Online Instructional Videos
- Expert Articles

The intent is to provide various formats and accommodate both in-person and self-guided learning styles. The work program is being developed in coordination with a Steering Committee of about 25 local planners and planning consultants representing cities, townships, and counties. Staff will also be partnering with other state agencies, planning organizations, and partners throughout delivery of the program events.

Staff will describe the events, survey results, and tentative schedule for Committee members as an introduction to the project.