

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, August 6, 2018

Committee Members Present: Barber, Chavez, Commers, Cunningham, Dorfman, Munt, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Elkins, Kramer

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Commers called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:05 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 2018.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Munt to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

2018-206 SW: City of Minneapolis Malcolm Yards Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 20348-13 Senior Planner Michael Larson presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

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

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Minneapolis to place the Malcolm Yards Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect.
2. Advise the City to work with the Council to determine an updated forecast for its 2040 comprehensive plan update that incorporates stronger than forecasted market demand and changes in guiding land use.
3. Advise the City that the Council requires the incorporation of density ranges into its land use policy to determine conformance and consistency with *Thrive MSP 2040*, the *2040 Transportation Policy Plan*, and the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*.
4. Advise the City to implement the additional advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts, Land Use, and Housing.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion.

2018-207 City of Plymouth Greenway North Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 20361-25 Senior Planner Jake Reilly presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Munt, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Plymouth to place the Greenway North Comprehensive Plan Amendment (amendment) into effect.
2. Find that there are forecast adjustments associated with the development proposal which will be authorized with the upcoming 2040 Plan Update, per agreement with the City.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the review record for forecasts and housing.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion.

INFORMATION

1. Land Use Advisory Committee Update – Chair Commers presented the information item to the Community Development Committee.

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 Metropolitan Council. Sixteen members serve on the Committee chaired by Council Member Commers. One seat remains open for District 10. Half of Committee members must be locally elected officials.

In May and July, Committee members shared feedback and ideas. Much of the Committee’s discussion focused on comprehensive planning and resources to support updates of local comprehensive plans. The Committee also discussed Equity at the Council, as well as regional balance and criteria for system additions for the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Update.

2. Update on Requests for Extensions to the 2018 Comprehensive Plan Deadline – Community Development Director LisaBeth Barajas presented the information item to the Community Development Committee
Minnesota Statutes section 473.864 requires all local governments in the seven-county metropolitan area to review and update their local comprehensive plans and submit those plans to the Metropolitan Council for review and comment by December 31, 2018. Section 473.864 further authorizes the Metropolitan Council to grant extensions to local governments if they need additional time to complete their plan updates.

Specifically, Minnesota Statutes section 473.869 indicates that any extensions granted by the Council “must include a timetable and plan for completion of the review and amendment.” The statute also requires the Council to establish guidelines and procedures to which local governments must conform when preparing, adopting, and submitting their plans.

At its January 10, 2018 meeting, the Metropolitan Council authorized staff to administratively review and approve complete applications for extensions to the December 31, 2018 deadline ([Business Item 2017-293](#)). The Council adopted guidelines that allowed local governments to

request of up one additional year, or to December 31, 2019, to complete decennial updates of local comprehensive plans.

The application period opened in January, with applications due by May 31, 2018. Local governments had to submit the following in accordance with statutory requirements:

- An adopted local resolution requesting the extension and indicating the date to which the local government wishes to extend the submittal deadline;
- A description of the completed activities;
- A description of the remaining activities and a timeline for their completion.

Council staff received and approved 46 applications requesting extensions to the 2018 deadline. Applicant communities vary in population size from township to some of the region's biggest cities and are spread geographically across the region. Of the 46 requests, 37 communities requested extensions to the deadline to fall within the first 6 months of 2019. Only 9 requested extensions will fall in the second half of 2019, with 5 of those requests for one full year.

3. Livable Communities Overview Video – Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns presented the information item to the Community Development Committee.

At the request of Community Development Committee Chair Commers, Council Communications staff developed a video overview of the Livable Communities Act programs, using several representative projects as backdrops. A few of the projects included in the video have held groundbreaking or grand opening events recently. The [web site](#) also has separate videos of a number of individual projects funded by the three Livable Communities Act accounts with comments from partners involved in the projects. Council staff will share the overview video at the Committee meeting and discuss how this work can be shared.

4. 2018 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Bonding – Budget Manager Mary Robison presented the Information item to the Community Development Committee.

The legislature created, and the Governor signed into law a new bonding authority, using Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (Trust Fund) dollars as part of the 2018 bonding bill. Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) will be issuing the sale of these Trust Fund bonds in October, making funds available to agencies in November. Five agencies received appropriations from these newly created Trust Fund Bonds, including the Metropolitan Council. The Council received a \$10 million appropriation for the Regional Park System, with the following language (emphasis added):

For the cost of improvements and betterments of a capital nature and acquisition by the council and local government units of regional recreational open-space lands in accordance with the council's policy plan as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.147. This appropriation must not be used to purchase easements.

The Council does not have a policy with regards to matching these new Trust Fund Bonds. Since 1994, Council policy has been to match every three dollars of state General Obligation

(G.O.) bonds with two dollars of Regional Parks Bonds. Funding a Trust Fund Bond match at a level consistent with G.O. bonds will cost \$6.66 million.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Michele Wenner

Recording Secretary