

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: December 16, 2019

Subject: Public Hearing for Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing Goals for 2011-2020

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes § 473.254

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Division/Department: Community Development / Regional Planning

Proposed Action

No action. Public Hearing to begin at 4:00 p.m.

Background

The Livable Communities Act (LCA), Minnesota Statutes § 473.254, requires communities to adopt affordable and life-cycle housing goals to participate in the LCA. Communities electing to participate in the LCA Local Housing Incentives Account must establish their goals, by City Council resolution, and communicate their desire to participate to the Council by November 15 of any year.

The City of Little Canada has passed a resolution electing to participate in the LCA and adopting affordable and life-cycle housing goals for their community. The City of Little Canada has established affordable housing unit and life-cycle housing unit goals. These goals are consistent with Metropolitan Council policies and with negotiations with other local governments who have enrolled in the program for this decade. The Council must hold a public hearing prior to adopting the new goals. The public record will remain open until 5 p.m. on Monday, December 27, 2019. The Community Development Committee will consider the adoption of a resolution to officially add Little Canada as Livable Communities Act participant at its regularly scheduled committee meeting on January 6, 2020.

Rationale

The Livable Communities Act requires the Council to negotiate affordable and life-cycle housing goals with each municipality that elects to participate in the LCA Local Housing Incentives Account and that the Council must adopt by resolution, after a public hearing, the negotiated goals.

Thrive Lens Analysis

The Livable Communities Act programs represent one of the Council's primary financial tools to promote and encourage development and redevelopment that advance the outcomes of Livability, Equity, and Prosperity.

Funding

Participation in the Livable Communities Act will allow Little Canada and any other community electing to participate to apply for LCA grants.

Known Support / Opposition

Staff is not aware of any opposition.