

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, May 6, 2019

Committee Members Present: Atlas-Ingebretson, Chamblis, Cummings, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Johnson, Muse

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2019.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Chamblis to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS

2019-89 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Phalen Regional Park, Saint Paul Senior Parks Financial Planner Deb Jensen presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$217,065.20 to the City of Saint Paul to acquire the 0.89-acre McKinney parcel located at 1298 Arlington Avenue East in the City of Saint Paul for Phalen-Keller Regional Park;
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council;
3. Consider reimbursing the City of Saint Paul for up to \$72,355.21 from its share of a future Regional Parks Bonding Program for costs associated with this purchase; and
4. Inform the City that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that the Council will grant future reimbursement and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

Motion carried.

2019-105 JT: City of Orono 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Review File 22055-1 Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Senior Planner Jake Reilly 651-602-1822 presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee (CDC):

1. Authorize the City of Orono to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Plan) into effect.
2. Advise the City:
 - a. That if changes are made to the City's water supply plan resulting from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) review of the Plan, the City will need to provide the Council and the DNR with the updated information.
 - b. To provide the date the City adopts the final Local Water Management Plan (LWMP) to the Council when that Plan is approved. A copy of the final adopted LWMP that will be included in the final Plan document must be submitted to the Council, if it differs from the draft version the Council reviewed.
 - c. To revise Table 7 of the DNR template to reflect the fact that there are several systems in Orono, because the Water Supply chapter of the plan still shows inconsistent information from the Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP) submitted to the DNR.
 - d. To consider the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Forecasts, and Housing.

Motion carried.

Mr. Reilly introduced Orono's Community Development Director, Jeremy Barnhart, and City Administrator, Dustin Reis. A Council Member inquired about the length of time the City would have to make the changes asked for related to the Local Water Management Plan. Mr. Reilly stated that City staff can make those changes any time between when the Council authorizes the City to put the Plan into place and when they submit the final 2040 Plan document to the Council.

INFORMATION

1. 2020 Community Development Preliminary Budget Discussion

Community Development Division Director Lisa Barajas and Finance Director Heather Aagesen-Huebner presented information to the Community Development Committee on the Community Development Preliminary Budget including an HRA Budget Update

This information item provided Committee members an introduction to the Community Development Division budget, and an overview of the factors that influence and support the budget and identify key opportunities and challenges in the budget development.

This information is meant to support the Committee members discussion and shaping of the 2020 budget. Staff outlined key areas overall and then a deeper discussion of the factors and pressures that influence the budget for the Metro HRA. Staff discussed the overall budget timeline and next steps for continued discussion and decision-making.

2. Metro HRA Moving to Work Demonstration Program

Metro HRA Director Terri Smith presented an information item to the Community Development Committee. This information item outlined the options for obtaining an MTW designation and provided details on the flexibilities it can provide. Moving to Work (MTW) is a federal designation that provides

housing authorities with flexibility in the administration of federal rent assistance programs, including the Housing Choice Voucher program. MTW agencies are permitted to seek exemptions from program rules and to test more efficient ways to administer federal rent assistance. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded 39 housing authorities in the country with MTW designations. This designation would provide the Council's HRA with great flexibility to operate the Housing Choice Voucher program in a less administratively burdensome manner. Program flexibilities can range from simple process changes to full rent reform.

3. Metro HRA Waiting List Opening

Metro HRA Manager Jennifer Keogh presented an information item to the Community Development Committee. This information item informed Committee Members of the upcoming waiting list opening. The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) will be opening its waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher program for the first time since 2015. Metro HRA will accept online applications from Wednesday, June 12, 2019, through Tuesday, June 18, 2019. Council staff provided waiting list opening details including: history, process, community partnerships, outreach and engagement, what to expect.

4. Competitive Equity Grant Program Update

Deputy Division Director Libby Starling and Regional Parks & Natural Resources Manager Emmett Mullin presented an information item to the Community Development Committee. This information item explained the competitive equity grant program pilot and presented the process and scenarios, prompting committee discussion. The *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* commits the Council to developing a set-aside, competitive equity grant program pilot in 2019. The Council has not yet established this program, but staff conducted extensive community engagement that laid the groundwork for this year's efforts. This program will be designed to explicitly strengthen equitable usage of the Regional Parks System. Staff requested feedback and advice from committee members on what elements to consider for the final grant program recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary