

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, December 7, 2020

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

Committee Members Absent: Lilligren

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Vento called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS

2020-326 Accept the Public Comment Report and Adopt the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Amendment

Planner Tracey Kinney and Regional Parks Manager Emmett Mullin presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Atlas-Ingebretson, seconded by Cummings, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Accept the Public Comment Summary Report on the draft amendment to the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*: and
2. Adopt the revised final *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Amendment*.

Motion carried.

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

2020-327 Pine Point Regional Park, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Program (Branson), Washington County

Senior Planner Jessica Lee presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Atlas-Ingebretson, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$590,805 to Washington County to acquire the 48.52-acre Branson property located at 120th Street North in Stillwater Township for Pine Point Regional Park, contingent on Council approval of the amendment to the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* (Business Item 2020-326), *Accept the Public Comment Report and Adopt the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Amendment*.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

Motion carried.

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

2020-319 JT SW: City of Hastings 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22299-1

Planning Analyst Patrick Boylan presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

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

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Hastings to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City that the Council has reviewed the remainder of the Plan and has found no regional system conformance or policy consistency issues at this time. Because the City does not have the legal authority to plan and zone for areas within Nininger, Mashan, or Ravenna Townships in the absence of an OAA, the City may not put those portions of the Plan into effect at this time. At such time as the City of Hastings acquires jurisdiction of the lands planned for future urbanization in the surrounding Townships either through an Orderly Annexation Agreement or annexation by ordinance, the City will need to submit appropriate plan amendments to the Council for further review and action.
3. Revise the City's forecasts downward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
4. Advise the City to:
 - a. Provide the Council with the date it adopted the final Local Water Management Plan.
 - b. Adopt the MRCCA Plan within 60 days after receiving final DNR approval and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.
 - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts.

Motion carried.

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

2020-320 JT: City of Mounds View 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22396-1

Senoir Planner Eric Wojchik presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

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

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Mounds View to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts for households and population upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the affordable housing need allocation for the City to 59 units.
4. Advise the City:
 - a. To include the final Local Water Management Plan in the final Plan that the City adopts, as well as submit the dates that the Watershed approved the Local Water Management Plan and the date the City adopted the Local Water Management Plan.
 - b. To implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts and water supply.

Motion carried.

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

2020-321 JT: City of Minnetonka 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22440-1

Senior Planner Jerome Benner presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

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

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Minnetonka to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts and Water Supply.

Motion carried.

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

2020-322 City of Pine Springs 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Review File 22446-1

Senior Planner Jerome Benner presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Pine Springs to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to:
 - a. Provide the date that the Watershed District approves the Local Water Management Plan once it is formally approved.
 - b. Prior to submission of its Final Plan to the Council, the City needs to include language in its Plan that allows for the protection of historic sites.
 - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts and Water Supply.

Motion carried.

Council Member Cummings inquired about the decline in population and asked whether the City explained this in their Plan. Director Barajas responded by stating that the decline in population was most likely due to a natural cycle of household growth and change.

2020-329 Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-development funding recommendations
 Senior Planner Hannah Gary presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award two Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development grants for \$197,500 as shown in Table 1 below.
2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Minneapolis	Downtown Longfellow	\$97,500
City of Saint Paul	The Hollows	\$100,000
Total Recommended:		\$197,500
Total Available:		\$250,000
Total Remaining:		\$52,500

Motion carried.

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

2020-330 Livable Communities Demonstration Account – Transit Oriented Development Pre-development funding recommendations
 Senior Planner Stephen Klimek presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Lee, That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award two Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development Pre-Development grants for \$200,000 as shown in Table 1 below.
2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Livable Communities Demonstration Account TOD Pre-Development Recommended Awards

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Minneapolis	Nic@Lake	\$100,000
City of Saint Paul	678 N Snelling Ave	\$100,000
Total Recommended:		\$200,000
Total Available:		\$250,000
Total Remaining:		\$50,000

Motion carried.

2020-331 Edina Affordable Housing Partnership Approval

Metro HRA Director Terri Smith presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Johnson, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Edina Affordable Housing Partnership as described in this Business Item.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director, to negotiate and execute agreements with the City of Edina or the Edina Housing and Redevelopment Authority necessary to implement this affordable housing partnership initiative.

Motion carried.

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

INFORMATION

1. 2021 Competitive Equity Grant Program Priorities

Senior Planner Jessica Lee and Senior Outreach Coordinator Amanda Lovelee presented the information item to the Community Development Committee.

The *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* commits the Council to develop a set-aside, competitive equity grant program to strengthen equitable use of the Regional Parks System. The Regional Parks System Equity Grant Program (Equity Grant Program) was formally established in 2019 through a pilot program with capital funding that resulted in the awards for three Regional Park System equity projects.

There is just over \$2M available for the 2021 Equity Grant Program solicitation. This includes \$664,000 in Parks bonds and \$1.4M in Parks Interest Earnings. The Community Development Committee provided general direction for how to use the funds at their regular meeting on August 17, 2020, and funds were amended into the budget through the September 2020 Budget Amendment ([BI 2020-210 JT SW](#)).

At the September 3, 2020 Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPSOC) meeting, staff shared lessons learned from the 2019 Pilot Program and feedback from the Community Development Committee, and Commissioners provided advice for the use of parks interest earnings for the 2021 Competitive Equity Grant Program. Following that discussion, Council staff met with the Implementing Agency directors and their outreach staff for additional feedback and program advice. These discussions shaped the program priorities now being proposed.

Discussion was initiated to review the proposed program priorities based on input received and to invite final feedback for the 2021 Regional Parks System Equity Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which will be brought through the Council process as a recommendation in early 2021.

- Do the priorities reflect CDC's thoughts/priorities?
- Are there areas that are unclear or that could use additional clarity or explanation?
- Are you comfortable moving forward with the next steps?

The Council members provided comments regarding areas of explanation and next steps. Council members want the plans for equity to be intentional in advancing opportunities in accessibility for visitors of all ages and abilities. A reduction in barriers, along with amenities. A broad variety of

programming/activities for all levels of mobility and sensory limitations that are not offered in city park. Better programming with involvement of implementing agencies will create a more meaningful experience and impact equity.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary