

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, April 20, 2020

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

Committee Members Absent: 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, April 20, 2020.

Due to the Governor's Stay-at-Home order this meeting was conducted remotely via video conferencing. All votes were taken by Roll call.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson to approve the minutes of the Monday April 6, 2020 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

2020-118 JT City of Cologne 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22096-1

Senior Planner Raya Esmaili presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wulff, 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 Cologne to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use, Surface Water Management, and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of Cologne's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action with out questions or discussion.

2020-119 JT City of New Germany 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22098-1

Senior Planner Raya Esmæili presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Vento, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson, 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 New Germany to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Surface Water Management, and Water Supply.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee

1. Approve the City of New Germany's Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

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

2020-122 City of St. Mary's Point 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Review File 22388-1

Local Planning Assistance Manager Angela Torres presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Wulff 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 St. Mary's Point to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. To be fully consistent with Council housing policy, strongly encourage the City address the following prior to final plan adoption:
 - a. Include consideration of two additional widely accepted tools: Community Land Trusts and inspection programs.
 - b. Clearly and directly link identified housing needs to the available tools.

Motion carried.

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

2020-120 Pine Point Regional Park Master Plan, Washington County
Senior Planner Tracey Kinney presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Vento, seconded by Johnson, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Pine Point Regional Park Master Plan without the boundary adjustment and proposed acquisitions.
2. Advise Washington County that the proposed boundary adjustment and 169.82-acres of acquisitions are contingent on its inclusion in the 2020 Policy Plan Amendment and will be reviewed and considered through the Systems Additions process.

Motion carried.

Council Member Chamblis asked for information on the proposed acquisition costs. Kinney responded that the acquisitions and the associated costs are not being considered as part of this business item. These costs will be considered as part of a Washington County Boundary Adjustment request for the Regional Parks Systems Addition process that is currently underway.

Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson summarized the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission's comments in support of Washington County's equity analysis work. She encouraged staff working on engagement for the master plan to not lose sight of underserved communities living in close proximity to the park and emphasized a need to engage local, underserved populations to ensure that park and trail investments meet local needs too.

Council Member Lee requested information on resolving trail and mountain bike user conflicts. Kinney responded that the master plan sited the uses separately and includes updated wayfinding signage. Connor Schaffer from Washington County responded that the master plan includes a phased approach that will allow time to resolve issues in the design process. Atlas-Ingebretson supported Lee's request, noting that she has experienced these types of user conflicts and requested additional information on this topic. Kinney responded that additional information could be provided in a future information item or a handout.

Council Member Wulff inquired about the park entrance and parking lot location. She noted that not all visitors will be accessing the park from the Gateway State Trail. Kinney responded that the park entry, parking lot, and bathroom facility are located off of Norrell Avenue adjacent to the future Gateway State Trail crossing. A future park entry, contingent on acquisitions, is planned to be located on the western boundary of the park along Myeron Road.

INFORMATION

Regional Parks System Additions Project: Process Update

Senior Planner Colin Kelly presented the information item to the Community Development Committee. Minnesota Statutes 473.147, subd. 1 directs the Metropolitan Council (Council) to plan for the Regional Parks System. The updated *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan (RPPP)* commits the Council to convene a region-wide discussion about system additions in 2019, which began in October last year. Council staff is in the process of engaging Regional Park Implementing Agencies, Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission and the Community Development Committee in this effort.

Council staff provided an update on the system additions project to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission at its meetings in December 2019, and March and April 2020. In the coming months, the Council will consider Implementing Agency proposals to add regional recreational

resources to the Regional Parks System based on criteria set forth in Chapter Four of the RPPP. The recommended system additions will be added to the RPPP during the amendment scheduled for the second half of 2020.

Council staff shared an updated project timeline and a draft system additions application and sought the Committee's advice on the project.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary