

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: February 1, 2021

Subject: 2021 Community Development Committee Work Plan

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: None

Staff Prepared/Presented: LisaBeth Barajas, Community Development Director (651-602-1895)

Division/Department: Community Development

Proposed Action

None. Information and discussion only.

Background

Each year, the Community Development Committee approves an annual work plan to guide its business and meeting agendas. The annual work plan typically includes ongoing business of the Council, special projects/initiatives anticipated during the year, regular reports and information items, and special reports by invited speakers.

The Work Plan is intended to be a guide to the Committee's work, provide staff direction, and is considered flexible and modifiable as the year progresses. Input from staff and Committee members guide and shape the Work Plan. At this meeting, Council staff seek direction from the Committee Members on the proposal below, with the following questions in mind:

- Are there areas of policy that the Committee would like to discuss and clarify?
- Is there any additional information or reports that the Committee seeks in order to better inform its work?
- Are there any invited speaker or panel presentations that the Committee is interested in to better inform its work?

Council staff will incorporate the Committee's input and prepare a Work Plan for adoption later in February. This finalized Work Plan will include also a timeline for the different items in the Plan.

Proposed 2021 Community Development Committee Work Plan for Discussion

The Work Plan is divided between Regular Business, 2021 Initiatives, Information and Regular Reports, and Invited Speakers. In addition to the 2021 Initiatives section, other initiatives or special projects for 2021 are listed under work unit headings and with an asterisk (*), particularly where that initiative is work unit specific.

Estimated dates will be added as staff finalize the Work Plan for the Committee's adoption at the next meeting in February.

Regular Business

Livable Communities

- Livable Communities Act Annual Fund Distribution Plan – February
- Recommendations for Livable Communities Act grants
 - Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)
 - Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA)

- Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA)
- LCDA TOD Pre-development grants
- LCDA/TBRA TOD Development and Cleanup
- Livable Communities Act grant changes, extensions – as needed

Metro HRA

- Public Housing Agency Plan including Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan
 - Set Public Hearing date
 - Public Hearing
 - Approval
- Project Based Voucher awards
- Housing Trust Fund – Grant Renewal
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) – Grant Renewal
- Update Utility Allowance Schedule
- Annual Payment Standards
 - Information report on Small Area Fair Market Rents
 - Approval of 2022 standards
- Exploration of Section 8 Homeownership Program*
- Family Affordable Housing Program
 - Capital improvement plan
 - Exploration of acquisition/disposition policy for the program*

Local Planning Assistance

- Review of 2040 Comprehensive Plan Updates – ongoing
- Review of Comprehensive Plan Amendments – ongoing
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation Program (PlanIt)*

Regional Parks

- Regional Parks Historical-Cultural Study*
- Regional water trail classification exploration*
- Eligible recreational activities: secondary activities*
- 2020-2025 Parks Capital Improvement Program
- Regional Parks Operations and Maintenance Allocations – July
- Regional Park and Trail grant reviews – ongoing
- Regional Park and Trail Master Plan reviews – ongoing
- Regional Parks Equity Grant Program
 - Notice of funding availability – Q1/Q2
 - Recommendations for awards

Research

- Update to Thrive indicators dashboard
- Regional demographic and employment forecast update
- Expanding the visualizing regional racial inequities dashboard
- Industrial land supply analysis
- Development of equity considerations dataset
- Development of regional parks demographic analysis tool
- Community Profiles – scoping for the update*

Community Development Budget & Finance

- Budget amendments, if needed, quarterly
- 2021 Budget Initial discussion
- 2021 Community Development Division annual operating budget review
- 2021 Community Development Division annual capital budget
- Annual Consolidated Grant Report – quarterly

2021 Initiatives

- Regional Parks Visitor Study
- Metro Climate Stats
- Mobility Demonstration Program
- Moving to Work authority
- System Statement Issuance
- Population estimates and comparison to Census data
- Residential preferences of housing choice voucher program participants
- Analysis of visitation to regional and state parks using location-based services data (partnership with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Greater Minnesota Regional Parks)
- Solar for vouchers pilot
- 2020 land use inventory
- CDC-related components of regional long-range planning
- CDC-related components of the economic value atlas
- CDC-related components of the agency-wide climate action plan
- CDC-related components of exploring the use of Council-owned land for affordable housing development
- Continued implementation of Community Choice Program
- Continued implementation of Parks Ambassador Program

Information and Regular Reports

- Progress on Housing strategies in Council strategic plan*
- Land Use Advisory Committee – quarterly
- Fiscal Disparities Report
- Plat Monitoring Report
- Agricultural Preserves Report
- Regional Parks use estimates
- Composite and Trends in 2040 Comprehensive Plans*
- Reports and interactives:
 - Annual building permits
 - Population estimates
 - Affordable Housing Production Survey
 - New data from the American Community Survey
 - Ongoing Research

Invited Speaker/Panel Presentations

Upon suggestion/request