

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, February 1, 2021

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

Committee Members Absent: Lee

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 February 1, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2021 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS

Consent

2021-31 City of Forest Lake, Headwaters 123 Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 22270-3

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

1. Authorize the City of Forest Lake to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Transportation, and Water Supply.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

Non-Consent

2021-32 Addition to the 2021 Project Based Voucher Award Recommendations
Metro HRA Director Terri Smith presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lindstrom, that the Metropolitan Council approve the award of Project Based Voucher (PBV) rent assistance and

authorize the Metro HRA Director to execute the necessary documents with the project owner for the following project as shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Recommended Project Based Voucher Award

Project	City	Total Units in Project	PBV Award
Balsam Apartments II	Dayton	48	4

Motion carried.

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

INFORMATION

1. 2021 Livable Communities Act Program Criteria Discussion

Livable Communities Manager Tara Beard presented the information item to the Community Development Committee.

The Livable Communities Act (LCA) requires that the Council prepare an annual plan for distribution of the Livable Communities funds that includes program criteria developed by the Council. Building upon the [November 16, 2020 information item](#), [December 21, 2020 information item](#), and [January 19 2021 information item](#), staff is continuing conversations with the Community Development Committee before recommending adoption of criteria for 2021 LCA programs tentatively scheduled for the February 15, 2021 regularly scheduled committee meeting.

Staff have spent 2020 evaluating scoring criteria through a statutory and policy lens and have sought input on multiple aspects of LCA programs, including scoring criteria, from participant communities, Metro Cities, the Council’s Land Use Advisory Committee, and other stakeholders. In addition, the Housing Work Group, a subgroup of Council members, has convened biweekly since July to explore and guide LCA evaluation efforts, with an emphasis on scoring criteria in recent months. These efforts have revealed opportunities to consider substantial changes to scoring criteria, especially in the Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) and the LCDA-Transit Oriented Development program (LCDA-TOD).

This information item was originally prepared for the January 19 Community Development meeting, but time did not allow all of the content to be discussed. The January 19 conversation focused almost entirely on 2021 equity-specific scoring criteria. The remaining topics that were not able to be discussed on January 19 and planned for this meeting’s discussion are as follows:

- Changes to the Blue Line Extension and how they should impact eligible station areas for the Livable Communities Demonstration Account – Transit Oriented Development (LCDA-TOD)
- 2021 program schedule
- Funding availability for all programs in 2021

The Community Development Committee discussed ridership demand and dependency, alignment and expectations, corridor support for TOD, LHIA and LCDA program reserves, and outreach regarding the SEED program.

2. 2021 Community Development Committee Work Plan

Community Development Division Director Lisa Barajas presented the information item to the Community Development Committee.

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.

The Community Development Committee members provided suggestions to the Community Development Division Director for future topics, project updates, COVID impact, changes in Land Use, and regional disparities.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary