

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, February 16, 2021

Committee Members Present: Chamblis, Cummings, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Atlas-Ingebretson, Johnson

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, February 16, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS

2021-37 Above the Falls Regional Park Master Plan, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Review File No. 50224-1

Planning Analyst Kelly Colin presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Lee, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Above the Falls Regional Park Master Plan.
2. Require Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, prior to initiating any new development of the regional park, to send preliminary plans to the Environmental Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division.
3. Advise the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to implement the comments in the Analysis for Natural Resources and Transit.

Motion carried.

Council Member Vento asked whether access issues have been addressed, noting the contentiousness of previous planning processes around Upper Harbor Terminal, and underscoring the importance of community engagement. Mr. Kelly responded that the master plan details how Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the City of Minneapolis and their partners have engaged residents of North and Northeast Minneapolis and others throughout the planning process.

2021-38 Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature Acquisition Master Plan Amendment and Boundary Adjustment, Three Rivers Park District, Review File No. 18427-2
 Planning Analyst Kelly Colin presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Three Rivers Park District’s Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature Acquisition Master Plan Amendment.
2. Approve the boundary adjustment adding 31.2-acres to Gale Woods Farm Special Recreation Feature in the City of Minnetrista.

Motion carried.

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

2021-47 2021 Livable Communities Act Funding Availability, Program Guidelines and Scoring Criteria
 Livable Communities Manager Tara Beard presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Cummings, that the Metropolitan Council approve the 2021 Livable Communities Funding Availability as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. 2021 Proposed Funding Availability

Program	Funding
Livable Communities Demonstration Account regular category <i>Includes up to \$1,000,000 in pre-development grants</i>	\$10M
Livable Communities Demonstration Account- TOD category <i>Includes up to \$1,000,000 for pre-development grants</i>	\$5M
Local Housing Incentives Account	\$4M
Tax Base Revitalization Account regular category <i>Includes up to \$250,000 for site investigation grants</i>	\$5.5M
TBRA Seeding Equitable Economic Development category	\$0.5M
TOTAL	\$25M

Motion carried.

Council Member Cummings expressed appreciation for the amount of work and innovation leading up to the 2021 recommendations. Council Member Chamblis expressed appreciation for the efforts to use data to inform changes. Council Member Lee expressed appreciation for the willingness to try new things to change outcomes. Patricia Nauman, Metro Cities Executive Director, summarized a letter sent to the Committee expressing appreciation for collaboration with them on the proposed 2021 criteria, and emphasized that their priority is to ensure the program is accessible and valuable to all eligible communities.

Council Member Wulff expressed concern that the new minimum requirement for equity-derived points is a big change and may not work as intended. She indicated she appreciated some of the changes to criteria but would have preferred a hold harmless mechanism for the minimum equity points.

The Committee approved the proposed action as presented, with one opposing vote.

2021-48 2021 Community Development Committee Work Plan

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

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lee, that the Community Development Committee adopt the work plan as described in the body of this report, with the understanding that it is subject to modification as needed or as directed by the Committee.

Motion carried.

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

INFORMATION

1. none

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary