

# Minutes

Community Development Committee



**Meeting Date:** May 16, 2022

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Street

## Members Present:

- Chair, Robert Lilligren, D7
- Vice Chair, Susan Vento, D11
- Judy Johnson, District 1

- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Molly Cummings, District 5
- Abdirahman Muse, District 8

- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present, E = excuse

## Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

## Agenda Approved

Chair Lilligren noted that a roll call vote was not needed for approval of the agenda unless a Council Member offered an amendment to the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted

1. 2022-125 City of Waconia the Fields 10th and Woodland Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 22018-8 (Raya Esmaeili 651 602-1616)
2. 2022-126 City of St. Louis Park Wooddale Avenue Apartments Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 22095-12 (Michael Larson 651-602-1407)

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Wulff.

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

**Motion carried.**

## Non-Consent Business

1. 2022-127 JT: City of Gem Lake 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22063-1 (Jake Reilly 651-602-1822)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Gem Lake to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect and advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts and Surface Water Management.

**Motion carried.**

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

## Information

1. 2023 Community Development Preliminary Budget Heather Agesen-Huebner 651-602-728)

The presentation provided an overview of division performance towards advancing Thrive MSP 2040, general economic conditions, and the preliminary 2023 operating budget. Feedback from Committee members will guide upcoming budget discussions this year.

The Community Development Division Preliminary 2023 Operating Budget supports implementation of *Thrive MSP 2040*, the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*, and the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* as well as the development of the 2050 versions of these plans. The preliminary budget builds on the 2022 base budget, which includes programmatic and staffing levels from the previous year.

Council Members inquired about housing building costs, income levels for larger units, and impacts. Ms. Agesen-Huebner agreed to provide more building cost data. Another question was regarding the funds from the Federal budget and Ms. Agesen-Huebner explained the system is designed to shrink.

Council Members commented the needed creativity to expand housing possibilities and suggested “adopting a Legislator “, form a housing coalition, and view some of the affordable housing units throughout the region.

Council Members discussed regional park funding in comparison to state park funding, project timelines with potential delays are challenging for planning. Ms. Barajas commented forecast planning is more uncertain which lead to more scenario planning and flexibility.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Community Development Committee meeting of May 20, 2022.

Approved this 6 day of June 2022.

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