

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: January 17, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

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
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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.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

1. **2023-9** Southwest Regional Trail and Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail Long-Range Plan Amendments, Carver County (Tracey Kinney 651-602-1029)

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Wulff That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Southwest Regional Trail Long-Range Plan Amendment.
2. Approve the Minnesota River Bluffs Long-Range Plan Amendment.
3. Require Carver County, prior to initiating any construction of new or updating of existing paths, trails, bridges, or any other construction project, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.

Motion carried.

2. **2023-10** Big Marine Park Reserve Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (Reibel), Washington County (Jessica Lee 651-602-1621)

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Wulff That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$649,594 to reimburse Washington County for the acquisition of the 1.22-acre Reibel property located at 14621 Margo Avenue in Scandia for Big Marine Park Reserve.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

Motion carried.

3. **2023-27** Empire Township 3618 160th Street Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 22176-2 (Katelyn Champoux 651 602-1438)

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Wulff That the Metropolitan Council adopt the

attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the Township to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Revise the Township's employment forecasts as detailed in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the Township to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Land Use, and Natural Resources.

Motion carried.

4. **2023-28** City of Lake Elmo 34th and Ideal Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 22215-7 (Raya Esmaeili 651-602-1616)

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Wulff That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Lake Elmo to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts and sewer-served forecasts upward in 2020, 2030, and 2040 as shown in Tables 1 and 2 in the Review Record.
3. Revise the *Thrive MSP 2040* community designation for the amendment site from Rural Residential to Emerging Suburban Edge as shown in Figure 3 in the Review Record.
4. Revise the City's affordable housing need allocation for 2021 -2030 to 989 units.
5. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation.

Motion carried.

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

Non-Consent Business

1. **2023-29** Funding Recommendations for Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) Pilot (Ashleigh Johnson 651-602-1106)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council:

Award nine homeownership Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grants as shown in Table 1, totaling \$2 million.

Authorize its Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Motion carried.

Council Member Lilligren asked if Livable Communities Act (LCA) participating cities that have higher shares of Black, Indigenous residents and residents of color also have relatively higher shares of homeownership disparities. Staff confirmed that the two are correlated based on our research. Council Member Chamblis asked if staff knows if projects that were not selected for funding previously received other LCA funds. Staff responded that none of the unfunded proposals have previously received funds. Council Member Wulff asked if Pilot applicants have resources available for households that have previously experienced foreclosure. Staff noted that the City of Roseville offers this assistance and are unaware of the availability of resources of other applicants. However, Council Member Vento added that Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity does provide support for these households and is partnered on most of the proposals.

Council Member Lilligren asked about the next steps for the Pilot and staff responded that staff are proposing for the Pilot to be considered a funded component of the Local Housing Incentives Account



long-term. Council Member Wulff shared appreciation that staff is recommending funding for a manufactured housing project, Woodlawn Terrace in the City of Richfield.

Information

1. 2023 Livable Communities Act Funding Availability and Scoring Criteria Discussion (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198)

The Livable Communities Act (LCA) requires that the Council prepare an annual plan for distribution of the Livable Communities funds based on program criteria established by the Council. Criteria must be consistent with and promote the purposes of the statute and the Metropolitan Development Guide.

This information item reviewed funding availability and scoring criteria recommendations with the Community Development Committee before recommending approval of the comprehensive 2023 LCA Fund Distribution Plan, scheduled for the February 6, 2023, regular CDC meeting. Staff reviewed 2022 program demand and consulted with Community Development Finance and Administration staff to consider any recommendations for funding availability beyond the statutorily determined base amounts.

Council Members inquired about previous years' funding, allocation, finding funds, and reserves. Ms. Berke explained the particular RFP and target reserves.

Council Member discussed the challenges of new Council Members and staff onboarding, including the vertical curve, and appreciate the plain language explaining the complexities of housing, transit, and LCA programs, also suggestion opportunities for new members to attend in support of their onboarding.

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 January 17, 2023.

Approved this 6 day of February, 2023.

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