

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: March 6, 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
- = present, E = excused

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:02 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Chair Lilligren asked if there were any comments or changes to the agenda. There were none, so the agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Wulff asked that the last sentence under 2023-32 be removed - Council Member expressed her discomfort with the 2nd tier Urban - suburban designations.

Chair Lilligren called for a vote with those changes. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

None.

Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committee

1. **2023-37** Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park Long-Range Plan Amendment, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (Colin Kelly 651-602-1361)

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

1. Approve Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park Long Range Plan Amendment.
2. Require Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, prior to initiating any project at this location, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.

Motion carried with Council Member Chamblis voting against.

Council members discussed flooding concerns. Tyler Pederson, Minneapolis Parks explained misinformation and reviewed the design of the groundwater pumping system they plan to use.

Council members discussed concerns surrounding changing this from an 18-hole golf course

to a 9 hole golf course and the impacts to BIPOC community. Suggestions to utilize equity grant program in the future and continued community engagement that addresses equity concerns.

Council members discussed funding concerns. It was explained that the actual golf course is an enterprise and not eligible, however other parts of the park will be. Sources of funding were also reviewed.

2. **2023-59:** Adopt 2023 Community Development Committee Work Plan (Lisa Barajas 651-602-1895)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Johnson, that the Community Development Committee adopt the 2023 Workplan as described in the report with the understanding that it is subject to modification as needed or as directed by the committee.

Motion carried.

Council Member Chamblis discussed community profiles and demographic. Barajas stated she would be happy to add.

Council Member Johnson discussed ag preserves work and noted she would be interested in learning more about this report.

Chair Lilligren discussed land use acknowledgements and their role in the Regional Development Guide.

3. **2023-64:** Strategic Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing Initiative; Termination of Joint Powers Agreement and Repayment Obligation (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198)

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

1. Authorize Minnesota Housing to release Land Bank-Twin Cities from its obligation to repay Council grant funds made available for the Strategic Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing Initiative, contingent on the Land Bank's: (a) submission of a final report to the Council that demonstrates use of the grant funds consistent with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement; and (b) commitment to use the funding for the acquisition of strategic sites for affordable housing located in the seven-county metropolitan area.
2. Authorize the Community Development Executive Director to execute agreements necessary to terminate the Land Bank's obligation to repay the Council funds and terminate the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with Minnesota Housing.

With no further discussion, Chair Lilligren called for a vote.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Metro HRA Project Based Voucher Program – 2023 Approach (Terri Smith 651-602-1187)

Council Member Johnson asked if any current voucher holders are veterans and their 'mainstream' voucher could be exchanged for a veteran voucher. Smith stated she will look into this.

Council Member Vento asked for a future presentation on legislative proposal coming forward.

Council Member Johnson discussed the importance of relationships with legislators.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Certification

I, Sandi Dingle, Recording Secretary, hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits

constitute a true and accurate record of the Community Development Committee meeting of March 6, 2023.

Approved this 20 day of March 2023.

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