

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: April 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

- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14

- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Vice Chair Vento called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Council Member Vento moved to amend the agenda to remove the first information item as the presenter is not available. Council members did not have any other comments or changes.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

None.

Non-Consent Business – Reports of Standing Committees

1. 2023-87: Application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Carbon Pollution Reduction Grant Program

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Dolkar, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Executive Director of the Community Development Division to:

1. Develop and submit a Notice of Intent to Participate as the lead agency, a grant application, and related materials for the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program.
2. Negotiate and execute the cooperative agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Lisa Barajas, Director, Community Development shared an overview of the grant opportunity, requirements, what it entails, and the timeline. The purpose of the grant to encourage states, air agencies, municipalities, and Tribes to work together to create comprehensive pathways for reducing pollution and ensuring that investments maximize benefits, especially for low-income and disadvantaged communities.

Council members had questions and comments regarding coordination with the state and engagement with local partners, apprehension about requirements that could make the region less competitive, engagement with Tribal governments, and Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

Motion carried.

Information

1. 2050 Regional Development Guide and Regional Parks Policy Plan Introduction and Overview (Emmett Mullin)

Emmett Mullin gave a brief overview of the 2050 Regional Development Guide, including the Council-endorsed Regional Values and Vision, and Regional Parks Policy Plan.

Council members had questions and comments regarding rural regional parks' land use and real estate challenges, and the list of groups targeted for engagement.

2. Scenarios Planning and Land Use Analysis (Angela Torres, Baris Gumus Dawes)

Angela Torres, Senior Manager, Local Planning Assistance, and Dr. Baris Gumus Dawes, Planning Analyst, Research, gave an overview of regional planning and land use, scenario planning, and land use applications.

Council members had questions and comments regarding mapping work from home employment, development in rural areas and the impact of solar farm versus agricultural land use, modeling vehicle miles per region, and tracking development.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:33 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 April 17, 2023.

Approved this 1st day of May 2023.

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