

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: April 1, 2024

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

Call to Order

A quorum being present, 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 Carter, seconded by Wulff, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Public Hearing

2024-92 2024 Annual Public Housing Agency Plan Modification (Terri Smith 651-602-1187)

A public hear was conducted to inform future action on the 2024 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan Modification. No one requested to speak at the public hearing.

Consent Business

1. **2024-88** City of Plymouth Highway 55 Apartment Mixed Use Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 21855-9 (Freya Thamman 651-602-1750)

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Chamblis that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

Authorize the City of Plymouth to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.

Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.

Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for parks, transportation, and forecasts.

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. **2024-93** Amend Project Budget SG-18088 TOD Grant - St. Paul Keystone Community Services (Sam Johnson 651-602-1757)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lindstrom that the that the Community Development

Committee approve amending the Keystone Community Services (SG-18088) LCDA-TOD Development grant project summary (Attachment B) to update the budget.

Motion carried.

Council Members wanted confirmation the project scope did not change, just shifting funds and the change does not affect scoring. Mr. Johnson confirmed yes.

2. **2024-94** Amend Project Budget SG-19095 LCDA Grant - Minneapolis The LOMA (Sam Johnson 651-602-1757)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter that the Community Development Committee approve amending The LOMA (SG-19095) Livable Communities Act Pre-Development grant project summary (Attachment B) to update the budget.

Motion carried

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

Information

1. 2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan, Draft Policies and Actions (Emmett Mullin 651-602-1360; Kevin Phan 651-602-1333)

The Council continues its work on developing the 2050 Regional Development Guide, *Imagine 2050*. The current Regional Development Guide, *Thrive MSP 2040*, along with the Council's system and policy plans, help guide the orderly growth and development of the Twin Cities metropolitan region. The four policy plans include the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, the *2040 Transportation Policy Plan*, the *2040 Water Resources Policy Plan*, and the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*.

Council Members discussed the goals are further away than previous years. Also, the change in language encourages connections to nature, balancing people and nature. A mix use in parks, including protected areas and underdeveloped natural resources. Identifying gaps in service was discussed, indicating underserved areas.

Council Members and staff discussed acquisitions and the importance of balancing land value and natural value. Staff were asked for long range plans and legacy funding.

Council Member discussed the importance of section 3. Community engagement and access along the river is vital. The need for energy success stories to be highlighted along with the need for solar, e-bike charging stations, and water quality efforts.

Council Members discussed funding sources, formulas, and allocations.

2. Draft 2050 Land Use Objectives and Actions (Angela R. Torres 651-602-1566)

The Community Development Committee (CDC) reviewed and provided feedback on draft land use objectives for *Imagine 2050*, most recently providing feedback on the revised objectives at the February 20, 2024, CDC meeting. At the March 18, 2024, CDC meeting, the Committee reviewed a comparison of *Thrive MSP 2040* land use policies and began review of land use policies and actions drafted for *Imagine 2050* with discussion focused on:

Objective 1: Respect the relationship with land and water as a foundation for regional growth.



Objective 1 reflects key policy areas critical to the comprehensive planning process, reflecting much of the Council's land use regulatory role. The discussion topics, like density requirements and the Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA), have been the subject of recent committee discussions.

At the April 1st CDC meeting, the Committee continued to review land use policies and actions, focusing on two objectives that don't have a direct correlating objective in *Thrive MSP 2040*.

The two objectives for discussion were:

Objective 3: Establish vibrant, inclusive, connected, and safe communities for people to live in.

Objective 6: Remedy past and present discriminatory land use practices.

The remaining five objectives (below) will be discussed at upcoming CDC meetings to allow for a more robust conversation of key policies related to each objective. The tentative review schedule is as follows:

At the April 15th CDC meeting, the Committee reviewed Objectives:

1. Ensure that development activities contribute to the fullest protection and restoration of natural systems on every level.
2. Strengthen the climate resilience of neighborhoods and communities through sustainable land use and development patterns.

Council Members discussed design elements that include safe communities with gathering spaces and compact development. Also discussed drafting strategies that includes community input, language to avoid micro-managing, while acknowledging fiscal disparities.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:02 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 1, 2024.

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