

# Minutes

Community Development Committee



**Meeting Date:** May 6, 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 1

At the May 20<sup>th</sup> Community Development Committee Meeting Council Member Wulff brought an error in the May 6 minutes, information item 2, to the attention of the CDC Members and recording secretary. The minutes have been corrected with statements from Council Member Wulff and Council Member Carter.

## 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 Agenda

Chair Lilligren proposed to the Community Development Committee to change the order of information items and move the 3<sup>rd</sup> info item to be presented first. The Committee agreed to the change.

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Wulff, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2024, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Consent Business

1. **2024-117** City of Corcoran Hope Ministries Land Use Change Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review Number: 21983-5 (Freya Thamman 651-602-1750)

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

1. Authorize the City of Corcoran to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Forecasts, Land Use, and Water Supply.

**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. **2024-118** Adopt the 2024 Community Development Committee Work Plan (Lisa Barajas 651 - 602-1895) It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Vento that the that the Community Development Committee adopt the proposed 2024 Community Development Committee work plan:

Proposed 2024 Community Development Committee Work Plan

The Work Plan is divided between Regular Business, 2024 Initiatives, Information and Regular Reports, and Invited Speakers. In addition to the 2024 Initiatives section, other initiatives or special projects for 2024 are listed under work unit headings and with an asterisk (\*), particularly where that initiative is work unit specific.

Estimated dates will be added as staff finalize the Work Plan for the Committee's adoption at an upcoming meeting in February.

Regular Business

Livable Communities

Livable Communities Act Annual Fund Distribution Plan

Recommendations for Livable Communities Act grants

Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA)

Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) & LCDA-TOD Pre-development Grants

Affordable Homeownership Program

Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA)

LCDA & LCDA-TOD Development

Livable Communities Act grant amendments, extensions – as needed

LCA program evaluation and alignment with Imagine 2050\*

**Local Planning Assistance**

Review of Comprehensive Plan Amendments and remaining 2040 comprehensive plans

Annual report on Comprehensive Plan Amendment Trends

Redevelopment Monitoring

**Metro HRA**

Public Housing Agency Plan including Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan

Set Public Hearing date

Public Hearing Approval

Update Utility Allowance Schedule

Annual Payment Standards / Small Area Fair Market Rents

Information report on Small Area Fair Market Rents

Project Based Vouchers

Exploration of Section 8 Homeownership Program\*

Residential preferences of housing choice voucher program participants\*

Statewide Rent Assistance Program\*

Homework Starts with Home (suburban Hennepin County)

Metropolitan Housing Opportunities Program Conversion

Family Affordable Housing Program



Capital improvement plan  
Sale and replacement of units  
Acquisition criteria for the program

### **Regional Parks**

Regional Park and Trail Master Plan reviews – ongoing  
Regional Park and Trail grant reviews – ongoing  
Regional Parks Equity Grant Program - 2024 solicitation and award  
Regional Parks Historical-Cultural Study\*  
Regional Parks Operations and Maintenance Allocations  
Annual report on administrative review of parks long range plan amendments\*

### **Community Development Budget & Finance**

Budget amendments, as needed, generally quarterly  
2025 Budget Initial discussion  
2025 Community Development Division annual operating budget review  
2025 Community Development Division annual capital budget

### **2024 Initiatives**

CDC-related components of Imagine 2050  
Land use policy discussions  
Regional parks policy discussions  
Housing policy discussions  
2050 Forecast development – regional and local  
Art + Policy, feedback received from engagement  
Regionally significant ecological areas  
Implementation of CDC-related components of the Climate Action Work Plan  
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant: Comprehensive Climate Action Plan development

### **Information and Regular Reports**

Agricultural Preserves Report  
Affordable Housing Production Report  
Annual Building Permits  
Data from the American Community Survey  
Fiscal Disparities Report  
Land Use Advisory Committee  
Plat Monitoring Program Report  
Annual Population and Households Estimates  
Regional Parks Use Estimates  
Ongoing research  
Invited Speaker/Panel Presentations  
Upon suggestion/request



## Motion carried.

Council Members appreciated the way the information was laid out. However, would like the addition of Committee of the Whole approval.

Interest in the membership of communities outside the Metro area was mentioned. Director Barajas responded she will examine membership, indicating most of region is part of Metro Cities. Council Members expressed interest in convening groups and the Chair agreed especially with the increased interest. Sharing information would be appreciated to ensure all are on the same page and provide transparency.

## Information

1. American Indian Advisory Council Update (Allison Waukau 651-377-0090; Angela R. Torres 651-602-1566)

Staff provided an update on the progress of the American Indian Advisory Council. Staff presented summaries of the first three meetings and inform the Committee about the discussions underway on recommendations regarding organizational change, ways to support the urban Indian communities, and concerns with the Council's historic and ongoing harm to the community.

In the first three meetings, the Advisory Council agendas covered experiences with land acknowledgements, the role and responsibilities of the Met Council, and the regional parks and trail system. Future meetings will cover topics around regional water policy including the wastewater system, environmental justice, regional transportation system and transit operations, regional housing policy, and organizational change. Staff will continue to bring periodic updates of the Advisory Council work to the Regional Development Guide Council Members work Group and the Community Development Committee prior to a planned Committee of the Whole presentation in August.

Council Members expressed their appreciation for the engagement and references. Council Members inquired if local Tribe governments were contributors to writing the plan. Staff responded seeking advice from Prairie Island and Shakopee tribal participants how to proceed with a cultural landscape.

Council Members commented on the long list of priorities and gaps, the need for recruitment of indigenous people for advisory committees, and explore tribal relations training explore the back and work on inclusivity.

Council Members appreciate the effort to include native American culture, designations, and signage. Wondering if it is a Council wide effort. Also discussed was dedicated funding and the need for more the one resource. The MOU Minneapolis drafted was discussed as a possibility for the Council initiatives. Council Members appreciated the relationships and coordination between tribal members and the region, commenting the same effort should be made to the rest of the communities.

2. 2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan, 60% Plan (Colin Kelly 651-602-1360; Tracey Kinney 651-602-1029; Kevin Phan 651-602-1333)

Council Parks staff facilitated a high-level conversation about the proposed changes to the Regional Parks and Trails Policy chapter of the 2050 Regional Development Guide. These changes are captured in Attachment 1, the Summary of Changes section of this report. Parks provided a high-level overview of the draft 60% chapter (formerly the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan and Attachment 2). Staff directed Council Members to certain areas of the plan that they are especially interested in gathering committee members' feedback.

On May 2, 2024, prior to the CDC meeting, Parks staff presented the 60% draft to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission. Staff shared high-level learnings from MPOSC with Committee Members verbally during the meeting.

The draft 60% Regional Parks and Trails chapter is the result of numerous discussions with Regional Park Implementing Agencies, the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole, Community Development Committee, and the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, as well as extensive outreach to prioritized communities.

Council Members expressed appreciation for including comments into plan. That information helps move towards goals. Continued discussion over the difference between a local park, city park, regional park or state park and the financing; statutory, implementing agencies. Most visitors do not characterize what type of park or if they can walk, bicycle, or drive to visit. Ms. Lee responded that partnerships are highly encouraged. Council Members expressed the difficulty of determining responsibilities and benchmarks.

Council Members commented on the information in the draft plan, especially on the historical background information included in past practices. It was suggested that this is an overstated narrative. Council Member Wulff said we don't have any data to support tying those two things together and that we have not done studies on whether peoples' general park needs have been met by other systems and that could be a reason why they're not in the regional parks. She commented we do not have data to tie present regional park usage with past development patterns and that we have not done research on overall park use in the global setting with local parks to see if peoples' park needs are met. Council Member stated she would prefer the historical content remain there because she found nothing that was not factual. Council Members confirmed their goal of meeting the equitable needs of the region, providing access to parks and waterways, while protecting systems and mitigating climate changes.

3. Draft 2050 Housing Policy Plan (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198; Olivia Boerschinger 651-602-1327; Maia Guerrero-Combs 651-602-1060) **postponed to 5/20 CDC meeting**

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:11 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 6, 2024.

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