

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: June 3, 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

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 Lindstrom, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

1. **2024-144** Establish Public Hearing Date - Public Housing Agency Five Year and Annual Plan (Stephanie Paulson 651-602-1584)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Carter that the Metropolitan Council establish a date to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2025 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Five Year and Annual Plan. The hearing will take place on August 19, 2024, at 4:00pm.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-145** City of Lake Elmo's Lake Elmo Elementary Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22215-13 (Emma Dvorak, 651-602-1399)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Carter 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. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
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. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation/Avation, Parks, 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. **2024-146** Funding Recommendations for 2024 Round One LCA Pre-Development Grants (Hannah Gary 651-602-1633)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award seven (7) Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Grants totaling \$1,000,000 as shown in Table 1 below.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Recommended Grant Projects and Funding Amounts

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Brooklyn Center	Pre-Development Immigrant Opportunity Center - Center for Asian and Pacific Islanders (CAPI)	\$296,000
City of Falcon Heights	Amber Flats Affordable Housing	\$204,000
City of Minneapolis	PennWood Village and Community Market	\$50,000
City of Minneapolis	New Nicollet	\$75,000
City of Minneapolis	Swank Eatery	\$75,000
City of St. Paul	1570 White Bear Ave. (Gloryville)	\$225,000
City of St. Paul	1036 Marshall (Rondo CLT)	\$75,000

Motion carried.

Council Members had questions about the levels of specificity in project outcomes for Pre-Development applications as well as the number of suburban applications being submitted. Council Members also expressed support for the projects being recommended for funding.

2. **2024-147** Funding Recommendations for 2024 Round One LCA Policy Development Grants (Hannah Gary 651-602-1633)

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Dolkar that the Metropolitan Council award three (3) Livable Communities Act Policy Development Grants totaling \$100,000 as shown Table 1 below.

Table 1. Recommended Grant Projects and Funding Amounts

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Bloomington	Opportunity Housing Ordinance Housing Nexus Study	\$45,000
City of Richfield	City of Richfield Multi-Family (MR-2) and High Density Multi-Family (MR-3) Zoning Code Update	\$35,000
City of Newport	Newport Zoning Ordinance Update	\$20,000

Motion carried.

Council Members asked about the level of interest from cities in the Policy Development program and expressed support for ongoing staff conversations with cities across the region to better



understand funding needs.

3. **2024-110 JT:** 2024 Budget Amendment – 2nd Quarter (Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)
It was moved by Carter, seconded by Chamblis that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2024 Unified Budget amendment as indicated, and in accordance with, the attached tables.
Motion carried.

Council Members asked for the timeline of selling and purchasing units. Staff responded it depends on the market.

4. **2024-127** Adopt Metropolitan Housing Opportunities Program (MHOP) Resolution number 2024-7 (Terri Smith 651-602-1187)

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Dolkar that the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution Number 2024-7 for the Metropolitan Housing Opportunities Program (MHOP):

1. authorizing a voluntary transfer of 106 Public Housing Program units from the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) to the Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) and an acceptance of the 106 public housing units;
2. authorizing the Director, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, to execute the required documents and forms.

Motion carried.

Council Members and staff discussed the long-term affordability of vouchers. Staff confirmed the long-term contracts and restrictions.

Information

1. 2025 Preliminary Community Development Operating Budget (Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)
Council Members and staff discussed the upcoming FTE's, grant programs, and living wages.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:45 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 June 3, 2024.

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