

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: September 16, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Robert Lilligren, D7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Susan Vento, D11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2 | | |

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 the Agenda

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter, to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2024, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent

- 2024-253** City Plymouth Doran Harbor Fernbrook Reguiding and Text Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 21855-10 (Freya Thamman 651-602-1750)
It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter 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 forecasts, surface water management, and water supply.

Motion carried

- 2024-257** City of Ramsey Low Density Residential Text Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 21819-7 (Emma Dvorak 651-602-1399)
It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Carter that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
Authorize the City of Ramsey 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 Land Use.

Motion carried

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

Non-Consent

1. **2024-222** Rice Creek West Regional Trail Long-Range Plan, Anoka County (Colin Kelly 651-602-1361)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Lindstrom that the Metropolitan Council Approve Anoka County's Rice Creek West Regional Trail Long-Range Plan.

Approve the removal of a 0.1-acre, non-contiguous parcel of land within Rice Creek West Regional Trail corridor in exchange for a trail reconstruction project of greater value that will meet or exceed Americans with Disabilities Act standards within the regional trail corridor.

Require Anoka County, prior to initiating any construction, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.

Advise Anoka County to coordinate planning and work with Metro Transit and the Minnesota Department of Transportation to improve crossing safety at the 69th Street intersection before committing to a tunnel at this location.

Advise Anoka County to consider implementing the recommendations for solar and transportation in the Advisory Comments section of the business item.

Motion carried

CM Chamblis recognized that the long-range plan was a collaborative effort and is looking forward to seeing the improvements.

CM Lindstrom expressed support for the proposed grade-separated crossing of TH47 and observed that wider trails with a center stripe tend to be safer for trail users, suggesting the County consider this as they implement the plan in coming years.

2. **2024-223** Como Regional Park Long-Range Plan, Saint Paul (Kevin Phan 651-602-1345)

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

1. Approve the Como Regional Park Long-Range Plan.
2. Advise the City of Saint Paul to consider implementing the recommendations for solar resources and population forecasts in the Advisory Comments section of the business item.
3. Require the City of Saint Paul, prior to initiating any new development of the regional park, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Interceptor Engineering Assistant Manager.

Motion carried

CM Carter requested clarification about the estimated annual project costs of \$65,000 and whether they are included in the plan's \$1.45 million operations and maintenance costs. Messer said that the City of Saint Paul will look into the Council Member's question and get back to the committee with the financial information.



CM Carter also asked if the trails around the lake are one-way or two-way. Phan clarified that there are currently some sections of trail that are one-way, but the plan intends to make the trails around the lake two-way.

3. **2024-254** Five Year Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan Approval (Stephanie Paulson 651-602-1584)

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

1. Approve the 2025 – 2029 Five Year Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan, including changes to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan as described in this report and attachments.
2. Authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications.
3. Direct staff to submit the final PHA Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Motion carried

Council Members asked if the vouchers would move from Washington County. Ms. Paulson confirmed the vouchers stay with the school district.

Council Members inquired about the combination of HCV and FAHP waitlists. Ms. Paulson responded the FHAP list is almost exhausted and there is no separate list for FAHP.

Council Members and staff discussed the delays in HUD training and the availability of vouchers for youth fosters to independence programming. Ms. Paulson confirmed 11 vouchers were approved by HUD, awaiting release of funding.

4. **2024-258 SW:** Establish Public Hearing Date – Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing, FY 2024 Application to U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198)

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Lindstrom that the Metropolitan Council establish a date to conduct a public hearing at the October 7, 2024, Community Development Committee meeting, to discuss and receive comment on a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the “Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing” (PRO Housing) program.

Motion carried

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

Information

1. Community Development Division 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)

Council Members and staff discussed how to estimate costs and the unpredictable nature of projects. HOA costs and proposed energy audits were discussed, Council Member Johnson inquired about any Federal Tax credits. Ms. Barajas clarified Federal assistance is available for public housing but not for FAHP units.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:30 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 September 16, 2024.

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