

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

Chair, Robert Lilligren, D6

Vice Chair, Susan Vento, D12

E 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, E = excused

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Wolff, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2024, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

1. **2024-300** City of North Oaks Red Forest Way South - Sanitary Sewer Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 21796-4 (Eric Wojchik 651-602-1330)

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

1. Authorize the City of North Oaks to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City that the lots outside of the amendment area (shown in Figure 4) cannot be provided sanitary sewer without first being added to the MUSA, and therefore the service stubs and lateral to those lots outside the amendment area lots need to be eliminated from future construction plans and future Minnesota Pollution Control Agency permit applications. The Council's authorization of this amendment is only for the proposed 17 lots identified in the materials. Any future additions in this area will require a comprehensive plan amendment and Council review.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Forecasts, and 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. 2024-275: SW: Regional Parks System 2024 Fishing Piers Notice of Funding Availability (Jessica Lee 651-602-1621)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Wolff, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the 2024 Regional Parks System Fishing Piers Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability attached to this report.
2. Approve the funding and awarding of four grants selected through a lottery as outlined in the NOFA.
3. This point was removed from consideration and was not included in the vote. ~~Consider using Council funds to match state funding to expand the fishing pier opportunity to more residents.~~

Motion carried for points one and two.

2. 2024-303: Adoption of Utility Allowance for Metro HRA Rent Assistance Programs (Steven Victorey 651-602-1461; Terri Smith 651-602-1187)

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council approve the attached Utility Allowance Schedule for use in the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective January 1, 2025.

Motion carried.

The committee noted that there was an error on slide 8 of the presentation. The statement read: "Total Budget Impact = reduction of \$30,000 monthly; \$360,000 million annually". It should read: "Total Budget Impact = reduction of \$30,000 monthly; \$360,000 annually".

The committee expressed interest in having the results from the solar audit. Terri Smith said they would bring the results back once the audit was completed.

Information

1. 2025 Payment Standards Discussion (Terri Smith 651-602-1187; Samuel Limerick 651-602-1968; Steven Victorey 651-602-1461)

The committee asked if they could find out why the numbers are so high for Crystal, MN on slide 12. Terri Smith indicated they would look into it and get back to the committee.

The committee each weighed in on their choice of the options and discussed their position on their choice.

2. 2023 Affordable Housing Trends (Maia Guerrero-Combs 651-602-1060; Matt Schroeder 651-602-1513)

Committee wants a deeper conversation regarding the aging segment of our community. What is happening to the current housing they are in, how do we help facilitate and create opportunities to help them sell that housing and find housing that is going to be beneficial to them as they age.

3. Draft 2050 Regional Parks and Trails Planning Handbook Information Item (Colin Kelly 651-602-1361; Tracey Kinney 651-602-1029; Kevin Phan 651-602-1345)

Committee wants to make sure the "What's New" and the fundamental changes are pointed out and clear prior to the next time this is looked at.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:23 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 October 21, 2024.

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