

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting date: April 7, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chair, Robert Lilligren, D6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Toni Carter, D14 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 | | |

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Vice Chair Carter called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:08 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council Member Carter.

Agenda approved

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wulff to approve the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of March 17, 2025, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

1. 2025-89: Metro HRA Administrative Plan Revision (Stephanie Paulson 651-602-1584)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council approve the revisions to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan as described in this report and attachments.

Ms. Paulson and the Council Members discussed the updates to the website, income

eligibility, income sources and exclusions. The HRA Inspection staff and frequency of inspections were discussed.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Community Development Grants – Overview and Annual Impact (Nicole Clapp 651-602-1723)

Staff provided an overview of the Community Development grant programs, and a review of the annual impact of the grant programs during calendar year 2024. Staff discussed grant programs for Livable Communities, Regional Parks and Trails, Local Planning Assistance, and Special Programs (Community Tree Planting and HUD PRO Housing).

The review will focus on high level funding impacts, with highlights on selected projects identified by program and grant staff.

2. Parks 2025 Work Plan Update (Colin Kelly 651-602-1361; Kevin Phan 651-602-1333)

Staff provided an overview of the on-going work outlined in the body of the policy plan, including but not limited to the review of long-range plans for regional parks, park reserves, special features, and regional trails; the review of local comprehensive plan updates, comprehensive plan amendments, and environmental reviews; and the review of Geographic Information Systems data. Met Council staff also helps support Agency work to foster a sense of belonging and building awareness of the Regional Parks and Trails System through the Parks Ambassador Program. Council staff administers grant programs, and this core work is ongoing and will continue to occur as items in the four-year work plan are initiated.

3. 2025 Local Planning Assistance Work Plan Update (Angela R. Torres 651-602-1566)

Staff presented an overview of 2025 annual work plan for the Local Planning Assistance work unit in the Community Development Division. The 2025 work plan will largely be focused on the implementation of Imagine 2050.

LPA serves as Met Council's liaisons for local planning staff and provides technical resources, tools, and programs to help local planning efforts. With the recent approval of Imagine 2050, the LPA team will pivot from policy development to implementation. This includes updating guidance and minimum requirements for conformance with regional system plans and consistency with regional policies as well as developing tools and resources to help local governments meet those requirements.

Assistance is inclusive of grant funds and professional planning services.

4. Bring It Home Statewide Rent Assistance Program (Terri Smith 651-602-1187; Chong Lao 651-602-1476)

Staff provided an overview of the The Bring It Home Statewide Rent Assistance program authorized by the MN Legislature in 2023 through a new \$0.25 sales tax. The program will bring approximately 5,000 new housing vouchers to Minnesota. The Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) is eligible for approximately \$15 million to support 900 new vouchers. Funding eligibility is determined based on the number of households eligible in each area according to American Community Survey data.

The state program is modeled after the federal Housing Choice Voucher program. The legislation and program guide allow administrators to:

Use existing procedures Operate like the federal Housing Choice Voucher program without modification.

Use amended procedures Operate like the federal Housing Choice Voucher program with certain

amended procedures to be approved by MN Housing.

Develop alternative procedures Design a new program model

The Metro HRA does not intend to utilize this option for the initial grant period.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:10 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 7, 2025.

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