

**Minutes of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Monday, July 15, 2013

Committee Members Present: Cunningham, Kramer, Wulff, Smith, Rummel, Elkins, Munt

Committee Members Absent: Commers, Chávez

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Cunningham called the special meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Kramer to change the order of agenda items and move the information item #2 to the first item on the agenda and approve the modified agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2013 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

1. Recommendations on the FHEA and Met Council Housing Policy from Fully Developed Suburbs and School Districts in the Fully Developed Area

Myron Orfield, Professor of Law & Director, U of M, Helen Basset, Robbinsdale School board, and Robert Slotterback, Richfield School district, presented information to the Community Development Committee on Public schools, enrollment and diversity, and the Housing Policy Report.

BUSINESS

2013-204 Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Master Plan, Washington County Planning Analyst Jan Youngquist presented the report to the Community Development Committee
It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Smith, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Hardwood Creek Regional Trail Master Plan.
2. Require that prior to development of new trail segments, Washington County should send development plans to Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) for review and comment to ensure the integrity of the regional interceptor system, specifically MCES Interceptor 7029.

Motion carried.

The committee had no questions.

2013-205 North Mississippi Regional Park Master Plan Amendment, Grant Request and Reimbursement Consideration Request, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Planning Analyst Jan Youngquist presented the report to the Community Development Committee

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Elkins, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the North Mississippi Regional Park Master Plan Amendment.
2. Require that prior to development, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board shall send development plans to Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) for review and comment to ensure the integrity of the regional interceptor system.
3. Require that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board provide more detail and submit estimated costs for the development projects that were not quantified in the master plan for Metropolitan Council review and approval prior to seeking future grants.
4. Approve a development grant in the amount of \$1,220,551.60 from the North Mississippi Regional Park Fund, comprised of interest earnings on Metropolitan Council park bond accounts in accordance with State law. This grant shall be used to partially finance the construction of a natural filtration swimming pool, bathhouse and site improvements.
5. Consider reimbursing the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board up to \$1,000,000 from the North Mississippi Regional Park Fund account for the construction of a natural filtration swimming pool, bathhouse and site improvements at North Mississippi Regional Park, when that amount of interest has been earned on the Council's park bonds in accordance with State law.

Motion carried.

The committee had no questions.

2013-206 Rum River Regional Trail Master Plan, Anoka County

Planning Analyst Jan Youngquist presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Smith, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Rum River Regional Trail Master Plan.
2. Notify Anoka County that acquisition of land or easements to supplement the right-of-way along existing County roadways up to a total width of 120 feet is eligible for regional parks funding. If Anoka County acquires entire parcels along the corridor, the portion of the property that is not needed for the regional trail shall not be eligible for regional parks funding.

Motion carried.

The committee asked about the standards for right of ways. Ms. Youngquist responded the plan uses the standard 120' right of way.

2013-211 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve (Albrecht-Hutchinson parcels), Scott County

Senior Planner Tori Dupre the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Kramer, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$260,358 to Scott County to finance up to 75% of the acquisition costs of the 10 acre parcel of the Albrecht-Hutchinson property containing the house and barn illustrated in Attachment 2. The grant is financed with:
\$156,215 of FY 2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund (PTLF) appropriation
\$104,413 Metropolitan Council bonds
This grant must be matched with up to \$86,786 of Scott County funds to finance 25% of the 10 acre parcel.
2. Approve a grant of up to \$799,116 to finance 75% of the acquisition of the 107.4 acre parcel and 132.65 acre parcel illustrated in Attachment 2. The grant is financed with:
\$161,370 of 2012 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENTRF) appropriation

\$22,520 of FY 2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund (PTLF) appropriation

\$295,580 of FY 2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation

\$319,646 of Metropolitan Council bonds

This grant must be matched with up to \$266,372 of Scott County funds to finance 25% of these parcels remaining acquisition costs.

3. Permit the Scott County matching funds to these grants of up to \$353,158 be eligible for reimbursement consideration as part of Scott County's share of future regional park capital improvement programs. The Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.
4. Release the restrictive covenant on the 31.76 acre parcel illustrated in Attachment 4 as "Proposed Land Exchange" in exchange for reducing the amount paid to the Albrecht-Hutchinson \$256,167 –the value of the 31.76 acre parcel.

Motion carried.

The committee had no questions.

2013-207 LCA Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Pre-Development Grant Recommendation

Senior Planner Adam Maleitzke presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Rummel,

That the Metropolitan Council: (1) award a \$100,000 Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development Pre-Development grant to the City of Saint Louis Park for its Saint Louis Park Station Area Zoning Study project; and (2) authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the Council. **Motion carried.**

Committee members asked about the demonstration value of funding the development and implementation of a form-based code. Staff replied that this funding has the potential to demonstrate how a form-based code can guide transit-oriented development in other station areas throughout the region.

2013-208 Authorization to Amend the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Sub-recipient Agreements with The Cornerstone Group, Project for Pride in Living, and Aurora St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation

Corridors of Opportunity manager Allison Bell presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Elkins, that the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Sub-recipient Agreements with The Cornerstone Group, Project for Pride in Living, and Aurora St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation to increase their grant award amounts by \$27,155 each. **Motion carried.**

Committee member asked if other options were considered for distributing the unused grant funds. Staff indicated that other options were considered, but this option fit best in the criteria that had been laid out and within the timeline of spending the HUD grant funds by the deadline of December 31, 2013.

2013-209 City of Chanhassen, Chanhassen Apartments Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20265-5

Senior Planner Angela Torres presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Munt, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Chanhassen to put the Chanhassen Apartments Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect.

2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts. **Motion carried.**

LPA Manager LisaBeth Barajas introduced Angela Torres, a new Sector Representative for District 4. Torres presented the staff's report and proposed actions to the Committee. Committee Member asked about the type of use planned for the northern portion of the development property. Torres responded that the use is intended to be permanent open space, serving as a buffer for adjacent residential areas.

INFORMATION

2. 2012 Population Estimates

Senior Researcher Todd Graham presented an information presentation on the 2012 Population Estimates.

3. 2014 Community Development Division Operating Budget (Guy Peterson 651 602-1418)

Community Development Division Director Guy Peterson presented information on the 2014 Community Development Division Operating Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary