

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: April 1, 2013

Subject: Land Use Advisory Committee Report

District(s), Member(s): District 14, Jon Commers

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. § 473.127 and 473.853

Staff Prepared/Presented: Deb Detrick, Local Planning Assistance (651-602-1327)

Division/Department: Community Development Division

Proposed Action

This item is to provide information, so no action is proposed.

Background

The purpose of the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) is to assist the Council in performing regional land use planning functions and undertake other responsibilities as delegated by the Council or required by law. Advisory duties include giving advice and assistance on metropolitan land use, comprehensive planning, and matters of metropolitan significance as requested by the Council.

The Land Use Advisory Committee has 16 members and a chair, Council Member Commers. Half of committee members are elected officials of local governmental units.

Rationale

Periodic reports from the Land Use Advisory Committee are included in the 2013 work plan for the Community Development Division.

Overview

In January and March, the Land Use Advisory Committee provided advice and assistance to support the development of Thrive MSP 2040. The committee first discussed ideas on geographic planning areas used to implement the Council's policies and strategies and then delivered feedback on plans for a second phase of Thrive MSP 2040 public outreach and engagement.

The committee addressed the following agenda items in January:

- Introduction to Information on Geographic Planning Areas
- Discussion of Geographic Planning Areas by Committee

Members of the committee were asked to frame ideas and articulate fundamental criteria for thinking about potential changes to geographic planning areas. Decisions on geographic planning areas will have a significant impact on how communities incorporate regional policies into their local plans for implementation.

The committee's feedback was presented to the Committee of the Whole on January 30, following an earlier meeting with the Thrive MSP 2040 Working Group. At the Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Member Commers shared main messages, themes and additional input from the Land Use Advisory Committee (see memo to COW under the March agenda). The presentation to the Committee of the Whole also summarized background information on geographic planning areas (see link under the March agenda) that was based on material prepared for the Land Use Advisory Committee.

The March agenda ([Agenda](#)) covered:

- Committee of the Whole Discussion of Geographic Planning Areas
 - [Memo to COW](#) Summarizing LUAC Feedback
 - [Summary of Information](#) on Geographic Planning Areas
- Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Task Force
- Thrive MSP 2040: LUAC Feedback to Impact Public Engagement

Council Member Commers described how ideas from the committee on geographic planning areas were well received by the Committee of the Whole. Work on the planning areas will continue with plans for the committee to develop recommendations in July. The committee was briefed on a new Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Study Work Group ([SAC Work Group Appointments](#)) because the committee will be asked to provide feedback.

Discussion centered on plans for a second phase of public outreach and engagement on Thrive MSP 2040. Committee members were updated on the current status of Thrive MSP 2040 and the timeline for outreach and engagement. They learned about the four policy areas that will be the focus of outreach and engagement. The committee will discuss all four policy areas and make recommendations during a special meeting on April 18.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

N/A