

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

Monday, March 18, 2013

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

Committee Members Absent: none

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Cunningham called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Elkins to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

Consent items

2013-89 Approval of the Burnsville 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20458-2

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

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Burnsville to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

Motion carried.

The Committee unanimously adopted the proposed actions without further discussion.

2013-90 Approval of the New Brighton 2011 System Statement Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 20418-3

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

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of New Brighton to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

Motion carried.

The Committee unanimously adopted the proposed actions without further discussion.

Non-consent items

2013-91 Approve the 2013 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Kramer, that Metropolitan Council Approve the 2013 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan as recommended by Council staff, except for the following changes:

- Include high frequency express bus station areas as eligible for Transit Oriented Development grants.
- Communities receiving Livable Communities Act Transit Oriented Development (LCDA-TOD Development) grants must adopt a station area plan for the pertinent station area within one year of completion of preliminary engineering for the station's transit line.
- Projects receiving LCDA-TOD Development grants must be consistent with a completed station area or small area plan prior to receipt of grant funds. This does not apply to LCDA-TOD Pre-Development grants when they are awarded to assist with creating for Transit Oriented Development zoning implementation tools.
- Council staff is directed to accelerate a study of the affordability of housing in each community.

Motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns presented an overview of the 2013 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan. The Plan sets out the funding amounts, timetables and funding criteria for the Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA), the LCDA and the Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA).

He highlighted the proposed changes to the Livable Communities programs from the Plan approved and amended in 2012. He indicated staff had evaluated the experiences of the first two rounds of TOD grant awards and had solicited input regarding potential changes in TOD funding from communities along transitways.

A subcommittee of the Community Development Committee (CDC) was appointed at the last CDC meeting to more closely consider potential changes to the Plan, including weighting of scoring for affordable housing and eligibility of station areas on high frequency express bus routes for LCA TOD grants. Mr. Burns summarized the deliberations of the subcommittee and indicated that the Plan had been revised to reflect the outcome of the subcommittee's deliberations.

After a lengthy discussion, the Committee made a motion to approve the 2013 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan, with amendments as shown in the proposed action.

2013-92 Reimbursement consideration for I-35 W Bridge for Central Anoka County Regional Trail, Anoka County

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel, that the Metropolitan Council consider reimbursing Anoka County up to \$250,000 from its share of a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program (CIP), funded through the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, for construction of a pedestrian bridge over Interstate 35W in the City of Lino Lakes for the Central Anoka County Regional Trail. However, 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. **Motion carried.**

Council Member Rummel asked whether the proposed bridge would be separate from the existing vehicle bridge. Staff indicated that the pedestrian bridge would be built separately since the vehicle bridge may need maintenance repairs in the future.

2013-93 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve, Anoka County

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

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$253,140 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Anoka County to finance 75% of the acquisition costs to acquire the 1.3 acre Leibel parcel as depicted in Attachment 1 for Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:
\$151,884 from the FY 2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation
\$101,256 from Metropolitan Council bonds
2. Consider reimbursing Anoka County up to \$84,380 from its share of a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program (CIP), funded through the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, for the local 25% match to this grant. However, 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. **Motion carried.**

The Committee unanimously adopted the proposed actions without further discussion.

2013-94 Amend Scope of Park Grant SG-2012-096, Three Rivers Park District

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council amend Section 2 of Park Grant SG-2012-096 as follows:

Grantees Duties or Grant Project.

The Grantee, who is not a Met Council employee, will:

At Fish Lake Regional Park, reconstruct paved roads, parking lots and trails; and at Cleary Lake Regional Park, reconstruct paved roads, parking lots and trails.

Motion carried.

The Committee unanimously adopted the proposed actions without further discussion.

INFORMATION

Sequestration – Impact on Metro HRA Rent Assistance Programs (Terri Smith 651 602-1187)

HRA Manager Terri Smith provided information to the Community Development Committee on sequestration impact on the Metro HRA Rent Assistance Programs. She provided various funding options, reserves, cost containments, and future implications.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary