

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: October 7, 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

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Division/Department: Community Development Division

Proposed Action

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 committee currently has 13 members and a chair, Council Member Commers. At least half of committee members must be 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 May and July, the Land Use Advisory Committee continued to focus on geographic planning areas for *Thrive MSP 2040*. The committee began working on planning areas in January and first shared its feedback and ideas with the Committee of the Whole on January 30, 2013.

The committee discussed two main topics in May ([Agenda](#)):

- [Job and Activity Centers](#); and
- [Preliminary Map Set](#) in initial data analysis for geographic planning areas.

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

- [Geographic Planning Areas Report](#) and [presentation](#); and
- Recommendation on Geographic Planning Areas.

In July, the committee recommended a preferred concept for planning areas. The recommendation combines an approach that focuses on characteristics at the community level and features that transcend community borders, using overlays or layers. The Committee of the Whole discussed the Land Use Advisory Committee's recommendation on August 28, 2013 ([Agenda](#)).

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

N/A