

Minutes of the

MEETING OF THE LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Committee Members Present:

Chip Halbach, Kathi Mocol, James Saefke, Phillip Klein, Karl Drotning, Jon Commers, James McClean, and Kathi Hemken

Committee Members Absent:

Pamela Harris, Jamil Ford, Bill Neuendorf, Elizabeth Wefel, Bill Droste, Kristina Smitten, Marvin Johnson, and Jennifer Geisler

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Commers called the regular meeting of the Council's Land Use Advisory Committee to order at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2017.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Commers noted there was not a quorum and asked for a consensus to approve the agenda. The Commission approved the agenda by consensus.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Commers noted that there was not a quorum present to approve the September 21, 2017 minutes.

INFORMATION

Climate Vulnerability Assessment (Localized Flooding) – Strategies and Tools for Local Application – Eric Wojchik, Local Planning Assistance

Wojchik provided an update on the CVA project as outlined in the materials provided and asked for comments.

Klein asked if MnDOT and local authorities already know where the low spots are and what are they doing to correct it? Is MnDOT trying to get more money to mitigate these issues? Barajas, Local Planning Assistance, noted that MnDOT owns the right of way, but stormwater management is the local jurisdiction's responsibility to manage. She noted that we are seeing more major storm events and discussed the different approaches being done to mitigate stormwater including rain gardens.

Emily Resseger, Environmental Services, stated that MnDOT designs, at low spots, to handle 50-year events.

Lisa Barajas stated that smaller cities don't have larger staff to work on these things, and this tool may be helpful for them.

Commers asked about non-Council maps and infrastructure. Wojchik discussed Watershed District mapping.

Mocol stated she likes the idea. She discussed when they experience flooding and new development had occurred adjacent to their development.

Drotning feels it is a great tool for developing communities.

Commers stated that larger geographics are now in a 100-year flood plain.

Wojchik discussed the north metro where the water table is high and soil type is such that they are now in the 100-year flood plain.

Resseger discussed Coon Creek work with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and doing new modeling using new Atlas 14.

Wojchik discussed area rendered 'undevelopable' now that it's in the 100-year flood plain.

Commers asked for the link to share with Committee members.

Klein asked if there are examples of best practices. Wojchik noted that is a great question and said that he will look into it and come back with more information regarding this.

Halbach asked if mapping is being done with bike lanes. Wojchik stated yes, they are being done with regional bike trails.

Commers discussed federal funding that goes through TAB (Transportation Advisory Board) and could be tagged for stormwater management.

Transit Investment Direction and Plan Introduction – Investment Summary – Cole Hiniker, Metropolitan Transportation Services

Hiniker noted that the Transportation Policy Plan (2018 Update to the TPP) will be available for public comment in the spring. He presented today for comments on the Transit Investment Direction and Plan Introduction as outlined in the materials provided.

Hemken asked if there is any way to know the probability of project funding in order to do land use planning. Commers shared frustration in not knowing when and the probability of funding. Hiniker stated staff can make it clearer regarding local impacts.

Hiniker stated he will bring the land use chapter back in early 2018 to show ways to plan around transit to make land use more successful. He discussed not dropping new land use policies on communities during the middle of their comp planning process.

Hiniker stated he's looking for feedback from this Committee on potential future study areas. He can send out something to solicit further comments.

Halbach asked about transit impacts. Hiniker stated staff has a lot of data and could bring this back. He noted it also includes a rider survey – who rides, income levels, where they are going and why.

Klein asked if there is a way for communities to reach out to get transit. Hiniker stated that first, a community would need to be in the taxing district.

Recap of Joint Workshop of the Land Use Advisory Committee and the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee – Jon Commers, Chair, and Phil Klein, member of this Committee and the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee

Commers gave a short recap of the joint meeting. He felt it was the beginning of an open dialogue and a lot of input was submitted. The underlying sense is that there is value to be gained.

Klein felt it was interesting and there was a lot of good ideas on both sides.

Halbach felt that staff need to help keep participants focused.

Detrick stated that staff will provide a summary of the workshop and bring back ideas of the next steps.

Draft 2018 Land Use Advisory Committee Work Plan – Jon Commers, Chair

Commers discussed the proposed 2018 LUAC draft Work Plan that was provided. He noted a few areas that he feels are timely and is looking forward to.

Hemken discussed Metro Mobility times/availability and would like to look at how this works. Commers stated that he's heard this from his constituents as well.

Halbach asked that 'affordability preservation' be added to the 5th bullet from the end.

Klein discussed school systems, ethnicity changes, and also growth.

Hemken stated we need to look at the term 'low-income.' People in nursing homes that have a lot of money but are listed as low income.

Commers asked what would be useful from this Committee to help the conversation.

Mocol talked about tough political climate – no low-income housing.

Commers asked the Committee to let him know if there are changes or additions.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Next Meeting – January 18, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Dingle
Recording Secretary