

Minutes of the

MEETING OF THE LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Gerald Bruner, Jennifer Geisler, Kathi Hemken, Phillip Klein, Dan Roe, Courtney Schroeder, Jonathan Bottema, Noah Keller, Kathi Mocol, Mark Nelson, Bill Droste, Chair Wendy Wulff

Committee Members Absent:

Suado Abdi, Karl Drotning, April Graves, Trista MatasCastillo, Steve Morris, Mitra Jalali

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wulff called the WebEx meeting of the Council's Land Use Advisory Committee to order at 4:01 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, 2021.

INTRODUCTION

Chair Wulff introduced Mayor Bill Droste, new (and former) LUAC member for District 15. Droste gave a little background information on himself including that he is the Mayor of Rosemount.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Wulff asked for a consensus to approve the September 16, 2021, agenda. The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Wulff asked for a motion to approve the July 15, 2021, minutes. It was motioned by Hemken and seconded by Geisler to approve the minutes.

Secretary Dingle performed a roll call vote:

Ayes: 9 (Bottema, Bruner, Geisler, Hemken, Klein, Mocol, Roe, Keller, Wulff)

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 (Droste)

The minutes were approved.

BUSINESS

There were no business items on the agenda.

INFORMATION

Release of the 2020 Generalized Land Use Inventory – Paul Hanson, Research

Hanson gave a presentation on the release of the 2020 Generalized Land Use Inventory as outlined in the materials provided.

Courtney stated he understands the park growth but questioned the lack of growth at urban centers. Hanson stated there is limited land but it's promising that there is growth. He asked if there is specific research about parks that staff could provide or have our parks unit provide?

Wulff noted that Minneapolis/St. Paul are adding land to existing parks, however, it is very expensive. She stated they are putting in a lot of effort to rehab existing park spaces.

Hanson stated it will be interesting to see future development in 5-years, i.e., at the old Ford Plant.

Roe discussed park dedication requirements for new developments in most cities – if not land, then money for parks is required.

Wulff also discussed the future of regional parks.

Geisler asked about a shift in designations, i.e., suburban edge to suburban. Hanson stated this project was not really about community designations. He noted that will come out with the next round of comprehensive plan updates.

Bruner asked if most low-income housing is being developed in the inner cities. Hanson stated he could not speak to the actual numbers. Bruner stated Carver County is the fastest growing county, however, there's a big resistance for low-income housing. He asked if this because they had it where they came from. Hanson stated he has limited knowledge in this area. It is a good sign that we're seeing it more than in the urban edge.

Droste discussed the emergent solar 'farming' and asked, do staff see a long-term risk for continuous development. Hanson noted that most of these are further out. He stated that Cameran Bailey is on staff at the Council and helps with solar planning and resources.

Wulff noted this may be a good topic for a future discussion.

Droste commented that in Phoenix, Arizona they have solar panels above stormwater catch basins.

Wulff noted that two of our wastewater treatment plants have solar panels next to them that provide buffers.

Torres stated she would be happy to have staff follow up. She added there are initiatives to putting them above landfills.

Hanson stated if there are any future ideas for research, he is happy to help.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Dingle
Recording Secretary