

Minutes

Land Use Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: January 19, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Kathi Hemken, District 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Morris, District 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Bottema, District 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April Graves, District 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Noah Keller, District 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitra Jalali, District 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Nelson, District 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Geisler, District 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> William Droste, District 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bruner, District 4 Carver | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Roe, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karl Drotning, District 16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kathi Mocol, District 4 Scott | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Klein, District 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 5 | | |

Call to Order

Without a quorum being present, Committee Chair Wulff called the regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee to order at 4:04 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Committee Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. The agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

Without a quorum being present, Chair Wulff postponed the approval of the November 17, 2022 minutes of the meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee.

Public Invitation

None.

Business

2023-32: 2050 Regional Development Guide: Community Designations (Raya Esmaili, Planning Analyst; Local Planning Assistance)

Esmaili gave a presentation on the proposed Community Designations for the 2050 Regional Development Guide as outlined in the materials provided.

Chair Wulff asked if there will be an opportunity to comment on the descriptions of the designations. Esmaili responded, yes, she'd be happy to take feedback.

Drotning asked what kind of feedback has been received on the names thus far. Esmaili stated there's been little feedback related to designation, i.e., moving from suburban to urban – concern is with designation, not the name itself.

Drotning asked, why drop 'Center' and suggested Urban Center, and Urban Edge.

Roe stated he likes option 2. Drotning and Klein both agreed.

Klein asked how it will impact the comprehensive plans. Esmaeili stated the names should not create too much of a change.

Wulff agreed with option 2. She noted that Jon Bottema emailed comments and stated that he doesn't believe there should be any community designations.

Roe commented on transit connections and asked if they could be added into descriptions. Chair Wulff discussed transit connections and also Suburban/Sub Edge – when talking about intersection density and discussed wetlands and connections.

Drotning discussed counties and their connections versus city connections.

Esmaeili reviewed next steps.

Without a quorum present, Chair Wulff noted that this group will pass the following recommendation onto the full Council by consensus that the Land Use Advisory Committee recommends that the Metropolitan Council accept Option 2 as the working draft Community Designations in the 2050 regional planning process.

Information

1. Land Use Scenarios (Baris Gumus-Dawes, Planning Analyst, Research)

Gumus-Dawes gave a presentation on land use scenarios as outlined in the materials provided.

Drotning asked, how does this relate to services, i.e., water and transit. If we create policies that push density further out, are we creating problems with infrastructure?

Klein asked, what is the cost involved, i.e., more to rent in urban areas versus suburban areas. Gumus-Dawes stated that they have discussed this and the impacts.

Chair Wulff stated she could see this putting a lot of stress on suburban communities and noted transit is a big problem.

Drotning discussed troubles within the downtown areas with crime. Lisa Barajas, Community Development reminded members that urban is more than just the downtown.

Barajas discussed the difference between the two downtown areas and stated there is more people living in downtown Minneapolis than in downtown St. Paul.

Chair Wulff discussed problems with parking in Minneapolis.

Gumus-Dawes next discussed employment per acre change, 2020-2050.

Drotning asked about people working remotely and how those are counted. Barajas discussed work done looking at these variables and noted there has been an impact on travel behaviors, etc.

Todd Graham, Research added, we've always defined employment at place-based workspaces. He noted they are proposing looking at only jobs that occupy commercial or office space.

Chair Wulff feels there is a high probability of more office spaces being converted to residential in the downtowns.

Gumus-Dawes discussed population vs. employment and land use modeling results. Chair Wulff feels it is more impacted by household size.

Barajas noted household size has been declining as well as the number of kids per household has been declining.

Gumus-Dawes total acres of agricultural land lost to development.

Chair Wulff stated the biggest thing we can do in our plan is be flexible to changing needs.

Barajas discussed regional core values outlined in the presentation including equity,



leadership, accountability and stewardship.

Barajas discussed significant cross-cutting regional issues as shown in the presentation.

Roe suggested looking at each of the growth scenarios and look at the impacts of some of the cross-cutting regional issues, i.e., what are equity impacts under the different scenarios.

Chair Wulff stated it may be helpful to look at other areas to see what's working elsewhere.

Barajas noted the discussion will be continued.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Land Use Advisory Committee meeting of January 19, 2023.

Approved this 16th day of March 2023.

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