Metropolitan Council

Minutes

Land Use Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: November 17, 2022	Time : 4:00 PM	Location: 390 Robert Steet
Members Present:		Chave Marrie District 10
	✓ Kathi Hemken, District 6✓ Vacant, District 7	☐ Steve Morris, District 12☐ Vacant, District 13☐
	☑ Vacant, District ?☑ Noah Keller, District 8	☐ Mitra Jalali, District 14
△ April Graves, District 2□ Mark Nelson, District 3	☐ Jennifer Geisler, District 9 ☐ Dan Roe, District 10	☐ William Droste, District 15
☐ Gerald Bruner, District 4 Carver	│ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	✓ Karl Drotning, District 16✓ = Present
☐ Kathi Mocol, District 4 Scott☐ 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 4:00 p.m. She noted that the minutes would be approved when a quorum becomes present.

Agenda Approved

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

Approval of Minutes

Chair Wulff postponed approval of the minutes until a quorum was present.

Public Invitation

None.

Business

None.

Information

1. Update on Community Designations (Raya Esmaeili)

Esmaeili gave a presentation on Community Designations as outlined in the presentation provided. She asked for discussion on the new designations (names).

Klein felt, for continuity, the names should remain the same.

Roe stated he felt urban doesn't fit in their first ring suburbs and urban edge should be added. Otherwise, he felt they should remain the same.

Esmaeili discussed dropping Urban Center and then everyone else 'moves in'. Roe like that idea.

Drotning suggest keeping current names, however, some 'tweaking' may be appropriate.

Esmaeili reviewed the next steps and stated this will be brought back in January for a formal recommendation from this commission.

2. Update on 2050 RDG Timeline and Milestones (Dan Marckel)

Marckel gave an overview of the 2050 Regional Development Guide that is being developed. He discussed goals and timelines, etc. as outlined in the presentation provided.

Graves asked why housing and land use don't show investments. Barajas noted the investment portion is the capitol plans included in our regional systems.

Approval of Minutes

With a quorum now present, Chair Wulff paused the information item and asked for approval of the September 15, 2022 minutes. It was moved by Klein, seconded by Bottema to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022 regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee. **Motion carried**.

Update on 2050 RDG Timeline and Milestones (Continued)

Graves stated she would be interested in more information on transportation studies.

Klein asked, is sustainability included? Marckel stated sustainability is a core part of all of this. He noted there is a webpage with more information and stated he would send out a link.

Bottema stated he struggles with the purpose of Community Designations and asked for an explanation for why we're doing this. Barajas explained it provides context to inform land use.

Chair Wulff noted density is a big part of it. Bottema shared concern with categorizing towns and doesn't feel it serves a purpose. He feels categorization does more harm than good.

Drotning noted we're looking at time going backwards and forwards and explained how it identifies where we are at today and helps to try to identify what an area is 'closest too'.

Chair Wulff noted this is a fluid process that will morph over time. She stated it's more about putting communities on a spectrum.

3. Introduction to Scenario Planning (Baris Gumus-Dawes)

Gumus-Dawes gave an introduction to Scenario Planning as outlined in the presentation provided.

Bottema quantitive forecasting and modeling. He states he is interested in the inputs and dynamics. He stated qualitative results will bring good discussion.

Graves stated she wants a measure that compares quality of life.

Roe clarified the process and asked, what variables impact this and noted he needs better understanding.

Barajas noted we are responsible for guiding growth in the region.

Chair Wulff stated having choices is important in terms of bringing investments into the region.

Keller suggested looking at average commute times, renewable energy, and ease of emergency response.

Chair Wulff asked commissioners to email staff with any other comments.

4. Initial discussion on LUAC's 2023 work plan (Lisa Barajas)

Barajas discussed the 2023 Work Plan outlined in the materials provided. There was no discussion.

5. Update on the LUAC Appointment Process (Lisa Barajas)

Barajas discussed the reappointment process outlined in the materials provided and stated

she would follow up with a link to the applications.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:42p.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 November 17, 2022.

Approved this 19th day of January 2023.

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