

Minutes of the

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, September 19, 2016

Committee Members Present: Commers, Chávez, Dorfman, Letofsky, Munt, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Cunningham, Elkins, Kramer

Committee Members Excused:

Due to a lack of a quorum, the fourth information item on the agenda – a presentation from the City of St Anthony was presented.

1. City of St. Anthony – City Manager Mark Casey presented an information item to the Community Development Committee. He highlighted projects around the city of St Anthony. Development projects like Silver Lake Village, additional senior housing, and single family housing. Mr. Casey discussed the community engagement activities. He highlighted the “sustainability tour” available on their website.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Commers called the special meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:10 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2016.

Vice Chair Commers thanked the City of St Anthony for hosting the Community Development Committee meeting in their City Hall Chambers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Wulff to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2016 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

A. Consent

2016-186 City of Spring Lake Park Manor Drive Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20623-3-3 (Eric Wojchik 651 602-1330)

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Spring Lake Park to place Manor Drive Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts for population and households for 2020 and the population forecast for 2040, as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.

3. Revise the City's share of the region's need for affordable housing for the 2021-2030 decade to 29 units, as shown in Table 2 of the Review Record.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts, Land Use, and Water Resources. **Motion carried.**

B. Non-Consent

2016-175 Minimum Percentage of Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Grant Spending to Connect People and the Outdoors – Research Analyst Raintry Salk presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Chavez, that the Metropolitan Council implement a graduated approach to meeting a minimum percentage of ten percent of Parks and Trails Fund appropriations that is to be spent on “connecting people and the outdoors” by FY 2022/23 biennium. This graduated approach would be implemented as follows:

- Agencies will allocate a minimum of 5% of their Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriations to “connecting people and the outdoors” for the FY 2018/19 biennium (beginning July 1, 2017)
 - Agencies will allocate a minimum of 7% of their Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriations to “connecting people and the outdoors” for FY the 2020/21 biennium (beginning July 1, 2019)
 - Agencies will allocate a minimum of 10% of their Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriations to “connecting people and the outdoors” for the FY 2022/23 biennium (beginning July 1, 2021)
- After the FY 2022/23 biennium, the appropriateness of 10% as the minimum percentage of Legacy spending on “connecting people and the outdoors” will be assessed and altered if appropriate.

Motion carried.

Staff presentation included two distinct recommendations for consideration. Council member Dorfman sought clarification on the process in past allocations of Parks and Trails Legacy grant fund spending and information on why there was need for a change. Council member Wulff noted the Chair of the Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee had come to the Committee in the past to express concern over spending of Parks and Trails Funds.

Council member Dorfman noted the letter submitted by Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Superintendent, Jayne Miller, and their expressed impact of a minimum percentage of funding to go toward “connecting people and the outdoors”, limiting the amount of funds available for capital projects.

Council member Wulff noted her absence from the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission meeting. She also noted the unlikelihood of stakeholders ever coming to a consensus and how the change was foreseeable as discussions of requiring a minimum percentage began as early as 2014.

Council member Chavez noted the staff recommendation is a measured approach and ensures accountability.

Chair Commers provided opportunity for the public to share their perspectives. Adam Arvidson, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Director of Strategic Planning, expressed his support for 5% for the first biennium, but spoke to dissatisfaction of the process and a desire to step back and reevaluate a solution moving forward.

Council member Wulff voiced her support for the staff recommendation. She suggested staff continue to evaluate the results and noted the importance of the incremental approach over time to allow agencies for their budget planning purposes.

Todd Kemery, Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission member, addressed the Committee. Noting he was not speaking on behalf of the Commission, he wanted the Committee to know he had reflected after the meeting and was supportive of the staff recommendation, given a majority of the regional park implementing agencies were in support of 10 percent.

2016-187 2017 Public Housing Agency Plan Approval

HRA Manager Terri Smith Presented the report to the Community Development Committee

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Chavez, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. approve the 2017 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan, including changes to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan,
2. authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications, and
3. direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee had no questions.

2016-188 Chaska SW Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment

Senior Planner Angela Torres presented the staff's report to the Committee. City of Chaska Community Development Director Kevin Ringwald was in attendance.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Chávez, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Chaska to place the Southwest Growth Area Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts for employment for 2030 and 2040 as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Wastewater, Forecasts, and Land Use.

Motion carried.

There was Committee discussion around the MUSA boundary expansion request. Council member Letofsky noted that reasons for her dissent of the amendment include the request to expand the MUSA when land within the MUSA is available for development and lack of in-place transit infrastructure to support the planned employment growth.

Council member Dorfman requested more information on the MUSA boundary for both the Business Item and as a future informational item for the Committee.

Chaska Community Development Director Kevin Ringwald, responded to a request from the Committee to talk about the project in more detail. Ringwald discussed the history of planning for this area in the community, trends in industrial development in Chaska, and the City's goals in regarding and restaging this land.

2016-164 Authorization to Amend the 2016 Unified Budget - Parks & Natural Resources Manager Emmett Mullin presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Letofsky, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the amendment of the 2016 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with the attached tables. **Motion carried.**

The Community Development Committee had no questions.

INFORMATION

2. New issue of *MetroStats* on Demographic Variation by Race and Ethnicity – Senior Researcher Matt Schroeder presented the information item to the Community Development Committee.

On September 19, Regional Policy and Research will release a new *MetroStats* report based on the Census Bureau's recent release of new American Community Survey data. The report will describe how the 16-county Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington metropolitan statistical area fares on three quality of life indicators (employment, poverty, and homeownership) and how our region's racial and ethnic disparities in these three indicators compare with other large metropolitan areas across the nation. This *MetroStats* will update our popular *MetroStats* reports from last year ([Disparities Unmasked: The Twin Cities Metro in 2014](#)) and two years ago ([Imbalanced Prosperity: the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area in 2013](#)). The primary message of all reports is largely the same: Our metro area is successful, but not all residents are sharing in the success.

The report will also include a more explicit examination of trends between 2000 and 2015 in the set of peer regions identified by GREATER MSP for their Regional Indicators Dashboard: Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle. This can help identify regions from whom the Twin Cities may be able to learn as we seek to close disparities.

Key findings from the new analysis are:

- Overall, the Twin Cities MSA has some of the highest rates of employment and homeownership, and the second-lowest poverty rate in the U.S.
- Among the 25 most populous metro areas, the Twin Cities area has the largest disparities between persons of color and White, non-Latinos in employment, poverty rates, and homeownership.
- The Twin Cities area's disparities between African Americans and White, non-Latinos are the largest or second-largest among the top 25 metros.
- Within the Twin Cities area, the largest disparities are in 1) poverty rates and homeownership between African Americans and White, non-Latinos, and 2) employment between American Indians and White, non-Latinos.
- Except for a significant increase in Black employment, there is no statistical evidence of changes in employment, poverty, or homeownership for Blacks, Latinos, Asians, or American Indians between 2014 and 2015 in our region.
- In some peer regions, income and homeownership for Blacks, Latinos, and Asians have improved since 2000 more than they have in the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

3. Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) - Senior Planner Eric Wojchik presented the information item to the Community Development Committee.

The CVA specifically looks at the effects of **extreme heat** and **extreme precipitation events**, in the form of local flooding, and provides a tool that can assist in Council and community efforts in preparing and adapting to climate change. The CVA will identify which indicators (infrastructure, road networks, population, etc.) are likely to be most vulnerable to expected climatic changes, depending upon factors such as *exposure*, *sensitivity*, and *adaptive capacity* of the studied indicators.

The purpose of the CVA is to prompt a discussion about the many ways an extreme weather events can affect both communities as a whole and Metropolitan Council assets. Consistently, literature details that communities are most resilient to extreme weather events when they work together across disciplines and boundaries. As such, the ultimate goal of this project is for the CVA to be used as a screening tool and communication channel between the Council and communities and as a benchmarking tool between communities. This project outcomes will come in two parts: first, a series of tools to show cities how to use and interact with this project, and second, a complete methodology so that cities can replicate the Council's process as desired. The exact format of tools is still a work in progress.

4. PlanIt: Educational Series for Comprehensive Plan Updates (Angela Torres 651 602-1566)
postponed

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary