

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: May 20, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Steet

Members Present:

- Chair, Robert Lilligren, D7
- Vice Chair, Susan Vento, D11
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2

- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14

- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 1

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Wulff, to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

At the May 20th Community Development Committee Meeting Council Member Wulff brought an error in the May 6 minutes, information item 2, to the attention of the CDC Members and recording secretary. The minutes have been corrected with statements from Council Member Wulff and Council Member Carter.

Consent Business

1. **2024-112** Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (HCRRA) Carver County (Jessica Lee 651-602-1621)

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Lindstrom that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$395,957 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Carver County to acquire approximately 40 acres of a former Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority trail corridor located in Victoria, MN, for the Lake Minnetonka LRT Regional Trail.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

Motion carried.

2. **2024-126** Amend TBRA Cleanup Grants Anticipated Net Tax Capacity to Account for New 4d(1) Classification (Sam Johnson 651-602-1757)

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Lindstrom that the Community Development Committee authorize Council Staff to administratively amend the estimated Net Tax Capacity (NTC) for all active TBRA Cleanup grants awarded in 2023 or before to affordable housing projects that will receive a 4d(1) property tax classification.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

Non-Consent Business - none

Information

1. Draft 2050 Housing Policy Plan (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198; Olivia Boerschinger 651-602-1327; Maia Guerrero-Combs 651-602-1060)

The Metropolitan Council is writing the next Regional Development Guide, *Imagine 2050*. The current Regional Development Guide, *Thrive MSP 2040*, along with the Council's metropolitan system and policy plans, are the governing documents that help guide the orderly growth and development of the region. System and policy plans include the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan, the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan, the 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan, and the 2040 Housing Policy Plan.

This presentation will continue building on a series of informational items and discussions with the Committee about the development of the *Imagine 2050* Housing Policy Plan. Most recently, at the March 4, 2024, Committee meeting, staff shared a preview of draft housing policy objectives. The attached draft includes more detailed – but still in-development – policies and actions for review by the Committee. It also outlines the planned contextual data, metrics/measurement frameworks, and implementation tools that will be developed over the coming months and incorporated into the final draft of the plan.

The Housing Policy Plan will contain Objectives, Policies, and Actions that carry the Council's regional values and cross-cutting goals through the areas of housing planning. Each of the Objectives and related Policies and Actions are separated into three sections representing the regional housing values that were identified through community engagement: Proximity and Choice, Dignity and Decency, Connection and Wellbeing.

At the May 20 Committee meeting, staff provided an overview of:

- The in-progress draft 2050 Housing Policy Plan
- Highlighted topics in the 2050 draft

Council Members and staff had a robust discussion offering feedback, suggestions, and requested clarification of definitions, formulas, and statutes. Staff explained the way calculations were made. The detail of the information presented was appreciated and the regional conversation.

2. Land Use Objectives, Policies, and Actions Draft Review (Angela R. Torres 651-602-1566)

The Metropolitan Council is charged in statute with preparing a regional development guide for the metropolitan area. The Community Development Committee (CDC) have been integral contributors to the development of the land use components for *Imagine 2050*, the regional development guide (RDG) for 2050. Starting with values and goals, moving into analysis and assessment, then into reviewing drafts of land use objectives, policies, and actions to implement the regional goals, the Committee has been deeply involved in the work to date in the 60% plan which is shared as an attachment to this memo.

Several members of the Committee also participated in the Regional Development Guide Work Group (RDG WG) initiated in November 2023 and chaired by Council Member Toni Carter. Participants include CDC Chair Robert Lilligren and Council Members Gail Cederberg and Judy Johnson. A draft plan, representing an approximate 60% completion product, is planned for publication in early June for preliminary public feedback prior to the official public comment period which begins in August 2024.

The Council endorsed several components of *Imagine 2050* to date, including the following:

Regional Core Values (4)	Regional Goals (5)
<p>Equity</p> <p>We value the people and communities of our region.</p>	<p>Our Region is Equitable and Inclusive</p> <p>Racial inequities and injustices experienced by historically marginalized communities have been eliminated; and all residents and newcomers feel welcome, included, and empowered.</p>
<p>Leadership</p> <p>We value those in our region who inspire and motivate others for positive change.</p>	<p>Our Communities are Healthy and Safe</p> <p>All our region’s residents live healthy, productive, and rewarding lives with a sense of security, dignity, and wellbeing.</p>
<p>Accountability</p> <p>We value being effective in our work and achieving measurable outcomes.</p>	<p>Our Region is Dynamic and Resilient</p> <p>Our region meets the opportunities and challenges faced by our communities and the economy including issues of choice, accessibility, and affordability.</p>
<p>Stewardship</p> <p>We value our region’s resources.</p>	<p>We Lead on Addressing Climate Change</p> <p>We have mitigated greenhouse gas emissions and have adapted to ensure that our communities and systems are resilient to climate impacts.</p>
	<p>We Protect and Restore Natural Systems</p> <p>We protect, integrate, and restore natural systems to protect habitat and ensure a high quality of life for our region.</p>

Community Designations

At the direction of the CDC, the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) worked on the analysis and update to Community Designations throughout 2022. The LUAC referred their recommendations to the CDC at their January 18, 2023, meeting. The CDC reviewed and recommended updated Community Designations to the Council on February 6, 2023. The Council endorsed the Community Designations for *Imagine 2050* at the March 15, 2023, meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

Council Members and staff had a good exchange of questions regarding the information presented. Clarification of density ranges, design and definitions were requested by the Council Members. Staff responded to questions and explained the guiding of land use in community designations in the Land Use Objectives, Policies, and Actions Draft Review.

3. 2025 Preliminary Community Development Operating Budget (Heather Giesel 651-602-1715) **postponed to 6/3 CDC meeting**

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Community Development Committee meeting of May 20, 2024.

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