

## Minutes of the

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, May 16, 2016 and the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee  
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**Committee Members Present: Cunningham, Letofsky, Chávez, Wulff**

**Committee Members Absent: Commers, Dorfman, Elkins, Kramer, Munt**

**Committee Members Excused:**

### CALL TO ORDER

Due to a lack of a quorum being present, Committee Chair Cunningham could not call the meeting to order, approve the agenda or the minutes from April 18, 2016. He thanked the City of Crystal for hosting the Community Development Committee in their city hall chambers.

At 4:15 p.m. Chair Cunningham surveyed the Committee members in attendance, asking if they want to discuss a business item as information item before going directly to the information items on the agenda. Two business items were selected to discuss informally; 2016-98 and 2016-99. No action was taken.

### INFORMATION

1. **2016-98** Amend the Guidelines for Housing Policy Performance – Housing Analyst Jonathan Stanley presented information from the business item and answered questions from the Committee members.

Using the Guidelines for Housing Policy Performance, Metropolitan Council staff annually calculate Housing Performance Scores for the region's cities and townships to assess local efforts in developing and maintaining affordable housing and providing housing-related services and programs. The Council uses the Housing Performance Scores to evaluate applications to the Livable Communities Act programs. The Scores also account for 7 percent of proposals' total score in the Regional Solicitation for federal transportation funding.

In July 2015, the Council adopted a major revision to the Housing Performance Scores that resulted from the development of the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*. At that time, the Council committed to reviewing the results of the new Housing Performance Scores after the first year of new scores and biennially thereafter.

2. **2016-99** City of Minneapolis Very High Density Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 20438-10 – Senior Planner Michael Larson presented the information from the business item and answered questions from the Committee members. The amendment proposes to amend the local comprehensive plan by increasing the allowable maximum residential density in the City's Growth Centers and adjacent Activity Centers from 200 dwelling units per acre (du/ac) to 800 du/acre, provided that projects at these higher densities are consistent with adopted small area plans. Growth Centers include Downtown Minneapolis, the University of Minnesota, Bassett Creek



Valley, and Wells Fargo/Hospitals. Activity Centers affected by this amendment include Cedar Riverside, Dinkytown, East Hennepin, Mill District, Stadium Village, and Warehouse District. Each of these Activity Centers fall completely within and/or are adjacent to the Growth Centers. Applicable land uses include areas guided for Mixed Use and Urban Residential. Several small area plans provide additional guidance for the different neighborhoods on areas most appropriate in those neighborhoods for the highest densities as well as areas not suitable for these higher densities.

3. **PlanIt: Educational Event Series for Comprehensive Plan Updates** – Senior Planner Angela Torres presented a presentation on the new PlanIt: Educational Event Series for Comprehensive Plan Updates.

The PlanIt project is a comprehensive plan educational program for local planners and planning consultants throughout the region. The intent of the program is to provide guidance on planning requirements, value-added planning, and topics encouraged by Council policy as local planners are working on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Updates. The program will provide a complete portfolio of educational events for planners. The events will cover the range of topic areas in a variety of formats, including:

- Webinars
- Workshops/Seminars
- Conferences
- Online Tutorials
- Online Instructional Videos
- Expert Articles

The intent is to provide various formats and accommodate both in-person and self-guided learning styles. The work program is being developed in coordination with a Steering Committee of about 25 local planners and planning consultants representing cities, townships, and counties. Staff will also be partnering with other state agencies, planning organizations, and partners throughout delivery of the program events.

4. **New Residential Construction across the Twin Cities in 2015** – Research and Reginal Policy Manager Libby Starling provided the Community Development Committee a presentation on New Residential Construction across the Twin Cities in 2015.

Under *Minnesota Statute 473.24*, the Metropolitan Council is responsible for preparing local population and household estimates for the cities and townships in the Twin Cities seven-county area. These estimates are the official population and household estimates for State government purposes and are used to determine local government aid (LGA) and local street aid allocations. As an input into the population estimates, the Council annually collects data from local governments on residential building permits.

Due to another meeting in the Chambers at 6 pm the Community Development Committee meeting ended without the remaining information items. One of which was a presentation from the City of Crystal regarding the Cavanagh Senior Apartments project. John Sutter the Community Development Director for Crystal gave the Committee members and audience a copy of his PowerPoint presentation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Michele Wenner

Recording Secretary