

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: October 16, 2023

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 16

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 Wulff, seconded by Lindstrom, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent

1. **2023-251** City of Eden Prairie Land Use Map Corrections Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 21978-12 (Michael Larson 651 602-1407)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Eden Prairie to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City of Eden Prairie's forecasts.
3. Advise the City of Eden Prairie to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Water Supply.

Motion carried.

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

2. **2023-239** West Mississippi River Regional Trail Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund (Laurel), Three Rivers Park District (Emmett Mullin 651-602-1360)

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

1. Approve a grant of up to \$431,250 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire a 1.98-acre parcel located at 16350 Dayton River Road in Dayton, MN, for the West Mississippi River Regional Trail.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

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

- 2023-238** Regional Parks System Equity Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability (Emmett Mullin 651-602-1360)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Carter that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2024 Regional Parks and Trails System Competitive Equity Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability attached to this report.

Motion carried.

Council member Chamblis asked what scoring if any had changed from previous years. Mr. Mullin responded that the community engagement and awareness category changed to include awareness building among underserved communities, in response to a request from Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission member Bob Moeller. The other change happened in the programming initiatives category to include the internal decision-making process in addition to collaboration with programming staff, recognizing that not all agencies have programming staff. The points in each category did not change.

Council member Carter asked about the distribution of previous grant funds among the agencies. Mr. Mullin responded that in the last grant cycle, each agency applied for multiple projects, and they all received at least one grant, and most of them received multiple grants for a total of 23 grants.
- 2023-252** Extend Term & Amend Project summary of Rogers Main Street LCDA Development Grant (SG-12582) (Sam Johnson 651-602-1757)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter that the Community Development Committee:

Approve amending the Main Street Rogers Downtown Redevelopment LCDA Development grant (SG-12582) project summary as detailed in Attachment B, and Extend the grant agreement by one year.

Motion carried.

Council Members asked for the level of dedication from and the inability to acquire site reducing the scoring. Mr. Johnson responded that several parcels scored beyond funds.
- 2023-253** Extend Term & Amend Budget to Expand Scope of Jema River LCA Pre-Development Grant (SG-17681) (Sam Johnson 651-602-1757)

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Vento that the Community Development Committee approve amending the Jema River LCA Pre-Development grant (SG-17681) project summary (Attachment B) to:

Shift funds from site/public realm plans and financial feasibility study budget line-items to new affordable housing architectural design budget line-item; and extend the grant agreement by one-year from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Motion carried.
- 2023-254** Submittal of PRO Housing Application to U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lee that the Metropolitan Council:
Authorize the Executive Director of the Community Development Division to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the “Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing” (PRO Housing) program.
Commit \$6 million in Local Housing Incentive Account grants, over the years 2024-2028, as leverage for the PRO Housing grant, if awarded.

Motion carried.

Council Members asked for clarification about the leverage commitment and expressed their support for the grant proposal.

Information

1. Metropolitan Housing Opportunities Program Unit Transfer from Minneapolis Public Housing Authority to the Metropolitan Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Terri Smith 651-602-1187; Dominic Mitchell, Deputy Director, Minneapolis Public Housing Authority)
Council Members discussed the commitment of Plymouth and the new vouchers having no effect on the waiting list.
2. Administrative Process for Minor Long-Range Plan Amendments (Emmett Mullin 651-602-1360; Tracey Kinney 651-602-1029)
Council Members and staff discussed the criteria and timelines. Council Members suggested a list of amendments would be very helpful. Such as changes to trail alignments with length restrictions, staff clarified MPOSC set a restriction of changes under \$100,000.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:35 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 October 16, 2023.

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