

Minutes of the SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Committee Members Present: Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Rummel, Melander, Kramer, Wulff, Haigh

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the special meeting of the Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 3:40PM on Wednesday, September 25, 2013.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Rummel seconded by Van Eyll to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Rodriguez to approve the minutes from the September 18 Committee of the Whole meeting. **Motion carried.**

THRIVE MSP 2040

Continuation of September 18, 2013 Discussion of Council Policy Options on Equity and Balance—Libby Starling and Beth Reetz

The group began by discussing regional balance and their desire to specifically call out balance in order to advance the region. Implementing set-asides to ensure regional balance, similar to the Council's guidelines regarding LCDA grant funds, was an option that was discussed.

The Council discussed being a co-convenor with other agencies, non-profits, etc. for addressing the needs and issues of the RCAPs. Some of the needs in the RCAPs need to be met by others (counties, cities, etc.). The group discussed the importance of having investment strategies. One of the staff suggestions was to use LCA resources to catalyze private investment in RCAPs. The Council could allow cities to use TBRA funds to clean up polluted land prior to an identified development project, thereby making it easier to redevelop polluted brownfield land quickly. Another suggestion was to ask applicants for Council grants to explain how their projects help residents of RCAPs.

The Council also discussed the alignment between affordable housing and transit. The group agreed that transit and affordable housing should be connected, but it can be difficult to figure out where to put transit lines when affordable housing is so spread out. One suggestion was to take a cap and trade approach to affordable housing. Another request was to take a market-based approach. Chair Haigh encouraged the Housing Policy Plan work group to explore this subject in more detail. Everyone needs to be part of the solution to affordable housing.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:55PM.

Emily Getty, Recording Secretary