

**Minutes of the  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Monday, April 1, 2013

**Committee Members Present: Cunningham, Commers, Chávez, Elkins, Kramer, Rummel, Smith, Wulff**

**Committee Members Absent: Munt**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Cunningham called the special meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2013, in the Apple Valley Municipal Center Chambers.

Chair Cunningham thanked the City of Apple Valley for the use of their Chambers and introduced Mayor Mary Hamann-Roland, and the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce president Ed Kearney.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Smith to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Commers to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2013 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

**BUSINESS**

2013-79 2013 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Operating Budget Amendment

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Commers, that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2013 Unified Operating Budget in accordance with the table below:

| <u>Description</u>       | <u>Adopted</u> | <u>Proposed</u> | <u>Change</u>  |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| HRA Operating Revenue    | \$ 6,221,459   | \$ 5,864,789    | (\$ 356,670)   |
| HRA Operating Expense    | \$ 5,925,405   | \$ 5,925,405    | \$ 0           |
| Change in Fund Balance   | \$ 296,054     | (\$ 60,616)     | (\$ 356,670)   |
|                          |                |                 |                |
| HRA Pass Through Revenue | \$ 57,382,915  | \$ 54,882,915   | (\$ 2,500,000) |
| HRA Pass Through Expense | \$ 57,382,915  | \$ 56,382,915   | (\$ 1,000,000) |
| Change in Fund Balance   | \$ 0           | (\$ 1,500,000)  | (\$ 1,500,000) |

**Motion carried.**

HRA Manager Terri Smith presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

Chair Cunningham asked that staff follow up with a report on the Metro area in terms of how many families sequestration will impact.

Council Member Rummel asked for follow up on the number of families impacted in the state.



Council Member Kramer asked if the reserves are invested and if we will lose revenue as a result. Staff responded that although interest revenue may be lost, the rates are very minimal so it will not have a large impact.

Council Member Chavez clarified that if we proceed, the amount approved going forward becomes a new baseline for future funding. Staff agreed.

Council Member Commers made a comment that he will be conveying a message to members of congress that this is a decision that was avoidable in many ways and he intends to communicate the impact.

#### 2013-80 Unified Capital Program Amendment 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr

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

1. Amend the 2013 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing it \$226,000 for the year 2013 and increasing the multi-year authorization by \$1,130,000 for Parks and Open Space;
2. Approve the projects under "Increasing Funding Commitments" as detailed in Attachment 1.

**Motion carried.**

Regional Parks and Natural Resources Manager Arne Stefferud presented the report to the Community Development Committee. The committee had no questions.

#### 2013-106 City of St Louis Park Eliot Park Apartments Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 20619-5 (Freya Thamman 651 602-1750)

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

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of St. Louis Park to put the Eliot Park Apartments comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

**Motion carried.**

Sector Representative, Freya Thamman, presented the staff's report and proposed action. Following the presentation, Chair Cunningham asked if the proposed amendment would have any affordable units. Ms Thamman indicated that the proposed development is for market rate units.

Councilmember Wulff asked if a school is located on the amendment site. Ms. Thamman indicated that the Eliot School is closed and there have been redevelopment plans for the Eliot School site since 2010.

## INFORMATION

### 1. Land Use Advisory Committee Report

Community Development Committee member Jon Commers provided the committee and audience a report from the Land Use Advisory Committee.

In January and March, the Land Use Advisory Committee provided advice and assistance to support the development of Thrive MSP 2040. The committee first discussed ideas on geographic planning areas used to

implement the Council's policies and strategies and then delivered feedback on plans for a second phase of Thrive MSP 2040 public outreach and engagement.

The committee addressed the following agenda items in January:

- Introduction to Information on Geographic Planning Areas
- Discussion of Geographic Planning Areas by Committee

Members of the committee were asked to frame ideas and articulate fundamental criteria for thinking about potential changes to geographic planning areas. Decisions on geographic planning areas will have a significant impact on how communities incorporate regional policies into their local plans for implementation.

The committee's feedback was presented to the Committee of the Whole on January 30, following an earlier meeting with the Thrive MSP 2040 Working Group. At the Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Member Commers shared main messages, themes and additional input from the Land Use Advisory Committee (see memo to COW under the March agenda). The presentation to the Committee of the Whole also summarized background information on geographic planning areas (see link under the March agenda) that was based on material prepared for the Land Use Advisory Committee.

The March agenda covered:

- Committee of the Whole Discussion of Geographic Planning Areas
- Memo to COW Summarizing LUAC Feedback
- Summary of Information on Geographic Planning Areas
- Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Task Force
- Thrive MSP 2040: LUAC Feedback to Impact Public Engagement

Council Member Commers described how ideas from the committee on geographic planning areas were well received by the Committee of the Whole. Work on the planning areas will continue with plans for the committee to develop recommendations in July. The committee was briefed on a new Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) Study Work Group because the committee will be asked to provide feedback.

Discussion centered on plans for a second phase of public outreach and engagement on Thrive MSP 2040. Committee members were updated on the current status of Thrive MSP 2040 and the timeline for outreach and engagement. They learned about the four policy areas that will be the focus of outreach and engagement. The committee will discuss all four policy areas and make recommendations during a special meeting on April 18.

## 2. Regional Housing Policy Plan Update

Housing Policy Analyst James Lehnhoff presented and information item to the Community Development Committee on the upcoming Housing Policy Plan.

*Thrive MSP 2040* is the long-range planning effort for the seven county Twin Cities metropolitan region. This process is an opportunity for the region to come together to create a shared vision. Thrive will guide growth, development, and regional investments for the next 30 years to achieve three interrelated outcomes: prosperity, livability, and sustainability. This effort also sets the policy for the Council's primary system plans – transportation (including aviation), water resources, and parks – as well as the housing policy and water supply plans.

In close coordination with the other system and policy plans, the Housing Policy Plan will provide additional information, policies, and strategies to work toward implementation of the Thrive goals.

The Housing Policy Plan will begin this spring with work continuing through the first half of 2014. The process will include significant public engagement, forming a Housing Policy Advisory Committee, and working closely with communities and stakeholders.

### 3. Presentation from the City of Apple Valley on Cedar Ave BRT TOD Activities

The Community Development Director for Apple Valley Bruce Nordquist presented an overview of the Cedar Ave BRT TOD in Apple Valley. The presentation provided information on the Cities objectives, the Cedar Ave BRT timeline, Land Use maps, stages of the BRT corridors, BRT stations, and downtown development concepts; housing, mixed use, trails.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Michele Wenner  
Recording Secretary