

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

June 15, 2020

Committee Members Present: Atlas-Ingebretson, Chamblis, Cummings, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Muse

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Lee to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS

2020-149 JT: City of Edina 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22400-1 Senior Planner Michael Larson presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Vento, That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Edina to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Revise the City's affordable housing need allocation for 2021-2030 to 1,804 units.
4. Advise the City 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.

2020-150 JT: City of St. Paul Park 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22308-1 Planning Analyst Patrick Boylan presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Atlas-Ingebretson, seconded by Lee, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of St. Paul Park to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to:
 - a. Provide to the Council the date the City adopted the final LWMP, and a copy of the final adopted LWMP that will be included in the Plan document that the City adopts, if it differs from the draft January 2018 version contained in the last Plan submittal.
 - b. Implement the advisory comments in surface water management
 - c. Advise the City to adopt the MRCCA Plan within 60 days after receiving final DNR approval and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, Council, and National Park Service within 10 days after the adoption.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion.

2020-151 City of Lakeland Shores 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Review File 22218-1

Senior Planner Jake Reilly presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Wulff, Authorize the City of Lakeland Shores to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.

1. Revise the City of Lakeland Shores forecasts as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
2. Advise the City to provide to the Council the date the Water Management Office approves the final Local Water Management Plan (LWMP), and the date the City adopts the final LWMP. And, advise the City to provide the Council with a copy of the final adopted LWMP when available.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion.

2020-155 Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development Funding Recommendations

Senior Planner Hannah Gary presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lee, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award four Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development grants for \$300,000 as shown in the table below.
2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
Brooklyn Park EDA	Brooklyn Park Business Incubator	\$100,000
City of Saint Paul	375 Selby Ave – YWCA	\$100,000
City of Richfield	Penn Avenue Redevelopment	\$50,000
City of Brooklyn Center	61 st and Brooklyn Blvd	\$50,000
Total Recommended:		\$300,000

Total Available:	\$300,000
Total Remaining:	\$0

Motion carried.

Two funding recommendation options were presented. Option One would fully or partially fund all four eligible projects up to the available \$300,000. Option Two would fully fund three eligible projects up to the available \$300,000. The Committee voted to recommend Option One.

Council member Atlas-Ingebretson asked about the level of affordability of the housing included in the 375 Selby Ave – YWCA St. Paul Redevelopment project from the City of Saint Paul. Jon Commers, a representative from the project, answered that one of the primary uses for the Pre-Development funds is to determine the level of affordability. Affordable housing is a priority for the YWCA and there is commitment to providing more affordable housing options.

Council member Lilligren asked about the reason for two funding options. Staff found demonstration value in each of the proposals submitted. Staff recommended that the \$50,000 available from the LCDA Transit Oriented Development Pre-Development account be made available to the LCDA Pre-Development account to partially support all eligible projects.

2020-156 Livable Communities Demonstration Account – Transit Oriented Development Pre-Development Funding Recommendations

Senior Planner Stephen Klimek presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Vento, Award two Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development Pre-Development grants for \$200,000 as shown in the table below.

1. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Applicant	Recommended Project	Award Amount
City of Minneapolis	Towerside District Stormwater	\$100,000
City of Saint Paul	Keystone Community Food Site	\$100,000
Total Recommended		\$200,000
Total Available		\$250,000
Total Remaining		\$50,000

Motion carried.

Council member Chamblis commented on how the Keystone Community Food Site could be a model for other communities in the region to replicate. Council member Lindstrom inquired about the nature of stacked infrastructure systems and the innovation elements behind the Towerside District Stormwater project. Mississippi Watershed Management Organization Planning Principal Dan Kalmon responded to the questions. Council member Chamblis asked about the scoring methodology; staff will follow up with further detail. Council member Johnson posted another question as to how projects can incorporate diversity and more inclusive hiring practices through the grants.

2020-171 Livable Communities Ace Tax Base Revitalization Account Grant Recommendations
 Senior Planner Marcus Martin presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Wulff, Award 12 Tax Base Revitalization Account grants as shown in Table 1 below. And authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Tax Base Revitalization Account Grant Recommendations

Recommended Projects - Contamination Cleanup	Recommended amount
Saint Paul Port Authority - United Village Midway Block B	\$125,000
Saint Paul - Fairview & University	\$111,800
Minneapolis - Elliot Twins Towers	\$21,100
Minneapolis - Bimosedaa	\$275,000
Minneapolis - Anishinabe III	\$42,600
Minneapolis - Malcolm Yards Housing	\$191,700
Minnetonka - Shady Oak Crossing	\$414,200
Minneapolis - 1505 Central	\$141,700
Minneapolis - Snelling Yards	\$207,600
Shakopee - Riverfront Bluff	\$458,600
New Brighton - Micom (Former)	\$400,000
Minneapolis - Olson Housing	\$610,700
TOTAL Recommended (All Grant Categories):	\$3,000,000
Total Available:	\$3,000,000
Total Remaining:	\$0

Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson asked for clarification of the locations of the redevelopment sites and requested adding the recommended grant amounts to a map showing the locations of projects. Council Member Chamblis asked about the evaluation score and funding recommended for the Olson Townhome project. She also noted the need for cleanup in the area and shared her commitment of support for the Olson Townhomes project. Council Member Wulff discussed the primary purposes of the program and noted that changes to the grant criteria may be addressed in the spring.

Motion carried.

2020-172 Metro-Scale Climate Leader, Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) for Climate and Energy
 Planning Analyst Eric Wojchik presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lindstrom, That the Metropolitan Council takes the following actions:

1. Commit to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, joining thousands of other cities and local governments around the world currently engaged in climate leadership.
2. Specifically, within no more than three years of this commitment, the Council pledges to develop, formally adopt, and report on the following:
 - a. A community-scale greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory,
 - b. An assessment of climate hazards and vulnerabilities,
 - c. Ambitious, measurable, and time-bound target(s) to reduce/limit greenhouse gas emissions,
 - d. Ambitious adaptation vision and goals, based on quantified scientific evidence when possible, to increase local resilience to climate change,
 - e. Ambitious and just goal to improve access to sustainable energy, and
 - f. Plan(s) to address climate change mitigation / low emission development, climate resilience and adaptation, and access to sustainable energy, including provisions for regular (annual or biennial) progress reports.
3. Council targets and action plans for mitigation / low emission development will be quantified and consistent with or exceed relevant national commitments defined through the [United States' Nationally Determined Contribution \(NDC\)](#).
 - a. For information, under the State of [Minnesota's Next Generation Energy Act \(2007\)](#), the Council has committed to emissions reductions that are more ambitious than those within the US NDC goals.

US Nationally Determined Contribution (2015)	MN Next Generation Energy Act (2007)
Target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 26-28% below 2005 levels by 2025.	Target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2025.

4. The Council acknowledges that there may be additional region- or country-specific commitments to adhere to, agreed through local membership networks or through direct engagement with local Global Covenant of Mayors partners.
5. The Council acknowledges that continued membership in the Global Covenant of Mayors and associated local chapters or “Regional Covenants” as established, is contingent on complying with the above requirements within established timeframes.

Motion carried. One dissenting vote

Council Members Johnson and Lindstrom asked about partnerships within GCoM and future commitments. Wojchik responded that Council staff will continue to work with local communities as part of our work, but this opportunity primarily focuses on Council operations and policy. Additionally, if the work with GCoM were to change, the Council would need to formally recommit to the partnership. Wojchik restated that the commitment is reflective of work already in process at the Council.

Council member Cummings inquired about the programmatic changes that made the opportunity available. Wojchik stated that the Denver-Boulder group were not able to participate which allowed us to join.

Council Member Wulff asked about the Council's ability to perform climate work in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest, and unknown economic impacts. Wojchik responded that the commitment to GCoM does not add any project work for Council staff.

Council members Vento and Atlas-Ingebretson commented on the opportunity and expressed support for the recommendations.

2020-141 JT: 2020 Budget Amendment – 2nd Quarter Director Heather Agesen-Huebner presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2020 Unified Budget as indicated.

Motion carried.

Council Member Chamblis asked why the transfer was needed. Ms. Agesen-Huebner explained the use of reserves in the current year's budget.

2020-173 Establish 2020 Public Hearing Date for the Public Housing Agency Annual Plan (Terri Smith 651-602-1187)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Cummings, that the Metropolitan Council establish a date to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2021 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan. The hearing will take place on August 17, 2020 at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers or via electronic means.

Motion carried.

There was general discussion regarding the process, timeline and participant engagement surrounding the Public Housing Agency Plan.

INFORMATION

Regional Parks System Additions Project: Boundary Adjustments

Parks Manager Emmett Mullin and Senior Planner Jessica Lee presented the information item to the Community Development Committee.

Minnesota Statutes 473.147, subd. 1 directs the Metropolitan Council (Council) to plan for the Regional Parks System. The updated *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan (RPPP)* commits the Council to convene a region-wide discussion about system additions in 2019, which began in October last year. Council staff is in the process of engaging Regional Park Implementing Agencies, the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission and the Community Development Committee in this effort.

Council staff provided an update on the system additions project to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission at its meetings in December 2019, and March, April, and May 2020. Council staff provided an update on the project to the Community Development Committee at its April and May meetings. Input from the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission and Community Development Committee is critical to the system additions process.

In the coming months, the Council will consider Implementing Agency proposals to add regional recreational resources to the Regional Parks System based on criteria set forth in Chapter 4 of the RPPP.

At the May 7 Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission meeting, Council staff proposed a process for how Implementing Agencies will present a summary of their proposals to the Commission in June. Council staff also outlined other important steps in the project timeline (Figure 1). In addition, Council staff shared draft language on bridging facilities (Attachment 1) and boundary adjustments (Attachment 2) and sought the Commission's feedback and advice on the proposed language. Council staff shared similar information with the Community Development Committee at their May 18 meeting, including statutory and policy framing information, to prepare the Committee for future consideration of regional park system addition proposals. During the May meeting, due to time considerations, the Committee requested the final segment of the update on proposed Boundary Adjustments language be presented at its June meeting. This will be the focus of the June Committee meeting.

The results of the system additions process, including the proposed language additions, will be added to the RPPP during the amendment that is scheduled for the second half of 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary