

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, May 20, 2019

Committee Members Present: Chamblis, Cummings, Johnson, Lee, Vento, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Atlas-Ingebretson, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Vice Chair Vento called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wulff to remove item 2019-116, move 2019-118 up in order and approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Cummings to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS

2019-87 Central Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment, Washington County Senior Planner Tracey Kinney presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Johnson, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Central Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment.
2. Require that Washington County Parks, prior to initiating development of the regional trail, send preliminary plans to the Engineering Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division, for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system

Motion carried.

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

2019-88 Luce Line Regional Trail Master Plan, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Planning Analyst Colin Kelly presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Lee, that the Metropolitan Council:
Approve the Luce Line Regional Trail Master Plan.

1. Require that Washington County Parks, prior to initiating development of the regional trail, send preliminary plans to the Engineering Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services

Division, for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system
Motion carried.

Council Members asked whether community engagement activities related to this effort would be continuing. Kelly responded that Adam Arvidson, Director of Strategic Planning for Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), spoke to this question at the most recent Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) meeting and that he indicated community engagement would be continuing this year and next.

Council Members asked how MPRB would continue to encourage active participation in this trail. Kelly responded that the trail planning effort was a part of MPRB's broader North Service Area Master Plan effort, which encouraged people from throughout North Minneapolis to participate in the process, and that MPRB will continue to engage interested community members via a variety of approaches including e-notifications.

Council Members inquired about innovative outreach approaches used during the planning process. Kelly responded that MPRB used a fairly innovative process to engage the community, offering grant funds to community groups and individuals to engage residents on topics related to the North Service Area Master Plan effort.

Council Members asked about the routing of the eastern segment of the planned trail, which would travel on the north side of the Minneapolis impound lot rather than through Bryn Mawr Meadows Park. Kelly responded that the planned trail would more closely align with and parallel Bassett Creek itself, with separated treadways for bicycle and pedestrians in this segment, and that this area is in the process of redeveloping.

Council Member Wulff provided followed up on a question raised at the most recent MPOSC meeting regarding funding for the existing trail. Kelly responded that he didn't have the answer on-hand, but that he would look into it. Council staff have since determined that no funds have been granted to MPRB for the existing Luce Line Regional Trail, which currently exists entirely within other park properties (e.g., Theodore Wirth Regional Park, Bassett's Creek Park, Bryn Mawr Meadows Park) or on-street. The existing trail does not have its own right-of-way or separate parcel definition.

2019-118 Scott County 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Review File 21936-1

Local Planning Assistance Manager Angela R. Torres presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

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

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize Scott County to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Amend the Community Designations map in *Thrive MSP 2040* to extend the Rural Residential community designation to a small area in New Market Township.
3. Advise the County to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Forecasts, Land Use, and Water Supply.

Motion carried.

Scott County Planning Manager Brad Davis was in the audience. Council members inquired about exit interviews, Ms. Torres responded the Council is not involved according to state statute. Council

members commented on how small communities are impacted with different designations, the larger the community the smaller the impact. Ms. Torres responded to questions regarding roles and responsibilities in the state statute stating the statute is outlined in the Local Planning Act. And clarified Scott and Carver planning authorities act on their own behalf.

2019-90 Future Reimbursement Considerations for Anoka and Dakota Counties

Senior Parks Financial Planner Deb Streets Jensen and new Financial Planner Abdiwahab Ali presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

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

1. Consider reimbursing Anoka County up to \$50,000 from its share of a future Regional Parks Bonding Program for costs it incurs to build a segment of the Coon Creek Regional Trail.

Design and Construct the Coon Creek Regional Trail along Coon Rapids \$50,000 Boulevard to fill a gap of approximately 2000 linear feet between Avocet Street and Egret Boulevard in the City of Coon Rapids.

Total \$50,000

2. Consider reimbursing Dakota County up to \$7,407,134 from its share of a future Regional Parks Bonding Program for costs it incurs to design and construct the following five projects in Dakota County, as per Exhibit 2. **Motion carried.**

Committee members asked if the Council has ever declined to reimburse an Agency; Jensen responded that to the best of her knowledge, it had not ever declined.

2019-113 SW: Regional Parks Capital Grant Agreement Authorization

Grants Administrator Sam Johnson presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Chamblis, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator or their designee to execute 21 grant agreements totaling \$16,666,668 with the Regional Park Implementing Agencies as indicated in and in accordance with Attachment 1.

Motion carried.

Council Members asked if the \$500,000 limit on signature authority was something the Regional Parks Implementing Agencies took into consideration when developing projects to submit to the Council. Lisa Barajas, Community Development Director, clarified that the limit was intended as an internal control on Council staff who are authorized to sign contracts and pay expenditures on behalf of the Metropolitan Council. It has no bearing on the review or approval of a project proposed by an Implementing Agency.

~~**2019-116** City of Saint Paul Request for a Project Change to the Tax Base Revitalization Account Grant, Raymond Station SG-11648 (Marcus Martin 651-602-1054)~~

2019-117 City of Minneapolis Request for a Project Change to the Tax Base Revitalization Account Grant, Midtown Corner Senior Housing SG-09274

Senior Planner Marcus Martin presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Wulff, that the Community Development Committee: Approve a grant amendment changing the project for the Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) grant agreement SG-09274 Midtown Corner Senior Housing awarded to the City of Minneapolis; and authorize its Community Development Division Director to amend the grant agreement on behalf of the Council.

Motion carried.

Mr. Martin responded to questions regarding contamination and undeveloped area. Council members questioned the lack of funding for senior housing vs workforce housing. He commented on other sources of funding from Hennepin County, opportunity zone investors. A representative from the City of Minneapolis commented on the clean up fund used to clean up contaminated ground water, and the 10-year commitment to restructure, but remain flexible. She also commented on the number of affordable units.

2019-114 SW: Bridges Rental Assistance Program – Grant Renewal Board Resolution No 2019-8 HRA Director Terri Smith presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lee, that the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2019-8 (attached) to authorize the Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to execute a grant agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.

Motion carried.

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

2019-115 SW: Metro HRA Moving to Work Program Board Resolution No 2019-9 HRA Director Terri Smith presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2019-9 (attached) as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to submit a Letter of Interest for the Moving to Work Program expansion under the Rent Reform cohort.

Motion carried.

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

INFORMATION

1. Scenarios for the Regional Parks Equity Grant Program Pilot

Community Development Deputy Director Libby Starling and Regional Natural Resources Manager Emmett Mullin presented the information item to the Community Development Committee.

Program goals, five scenarios, and next steps were discussed:

1. Regional Equity Topic,
2. Community Engagement for Capital Projects,
3. Public Art,
4. Community-led Projects,
5. Open Call

The following questions were asked to elicit conversation and feedback from the Community Development Committee: How do they reflect your policy values? How would they increase

equitable use of Regional Parks and Trails? What strengths and challenges do they have? How are the themes addressed?

ADJOURNMENT

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

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary