

Minutes of the

MEETING OF THE LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Chip Halbach, Phillip Klein, Karl Drotning, Jon Commers, Bill Neuendorf, Elizabeth Wefel, Bill Droste, Kristina Smitten, Marvin Johnson, and Jennifer Geisler, and Kathi Hemken

Committee Members Absent:

Jamil Ford, James McClean, Kathi Mocol, James Saefke

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Commers called the regular meeting of the Council's Land Use Advisory Committee to order at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2018.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Commers asked for a motion to approve the January 18, 2018 agenda. It was motioned by Wefel and seconded by Johnson. **The motion was approved.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Commers asked for a motion to approve the September 21, 2017, minutes. It was motioned by Klein and seconded by Drotning. **The motion was approved.**

Chair Commers asked for a motion to approve the November 16, 2017, minutes. It was motioned by Hemken and seconded by Drotning. **The motion was approved.**

BUSINESS

Appointment of Vice Chair

Commers stated that in accordance with the Bylaws of the Metropolitan Land Use Advisory Committee the Committee Chair shall name a Vice Chair from among the Committee members. He has asked Kristina Smitten to continue in this role.

It was motioned by Geisler and seconded by Klein to propose that the Land Use Advisory Committee approve the appointment of Kristina Smitten as the Committee's Vice Chair for 2018. **The motion was approved.**

INFORMATION

2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Update: Land Use and Local Planning Changes – Michael Larson, Local Planning Assistance

Larson, in Cole Hiniker's absence, gave a presentation on the 2040 TPP Update and reviewed Chapter 3 – Land Use and Local Planning as outlined in the materials provided.

Geisler asked about car sharing – who would get the ticket. Amy Vennewitz, Deputy Director Planning/Finance stated that the company that owns the car would get the ticket. She noted that this would be like an Uber, without the driver.

Larson discussed the implications/costs that may arise, such as a mileage-based tax for electricity, parking, etc.

Smitten asked how much flexibilities will cities have as autonomous vehicles and car sharing expands, i.e., land use implications when less land is needed for parking – will the Council inform/guide cities regarding this. Larson stated he was not sure, however, they will certainly be at the table.

Vennewitz discussed city/county roles in technology with connected vehicles and roadway technology. Vehicles will have the ability to talk to the roads and to each other. She discussed the technology being developed.

Klein asked if there are any state statutes prohibiting this. Vennewitz stated that this falls to MnDOT, and they've left that area to them. They are looking into it.

Drotning noted that from a planning point the ROW (Right-of-Way) would be affected, however, he feels we would still use it for drop off lanes, bike lanes and to run fiber optics for technology needed.

Commers asked where cars go in their off time.

Geisler discussed site plans that consider drop off for handicapped individuals or special needs.

Droste discussed funding for transit. He feels that with increased density we will see an increased demand for transit.

Larson discussed the opportunity, with no labor costs, there will be more money for transit.

Vennewitz talked about the 1st mile/last mile issues being discussed – how to get folks to transit, then from transit to their jobs, and the reverse. She discussed the smaller transit links that will be necessary.

Smitten asked if there are trends emerging with car sharing vs. using Uber. Larson stated he was not sure but can see an evolution for car sharing of autonomous vehicles because the car comes to you.

Vennewitz discussed the on-demand vs. private ownership in autonomous cars.

Commers stated that some of what he's heard, regarding car2go, is that they had a hard time with the costs of relocating cars.

Vennewitz stated they have done some internal modeling with travel demand modeling and found that congestion got worse because there are empty cars on the roads as well.

Droste discussed increased densities. Halbach referred to Chapter 3 (pages 167 and 171) and asked what is the effect to density and housing affordability. He discussed how a community can be held to conform to the TPP because transportation is a 'system' whereas housing is not. He noted that housing is showing up more in the TPP though.

Larson discussed the requirement that will provide higher density and more affordability.

Barajas stated it is meant to be more of a signal than a regulation.

Larson stated there's a risk of gentrification throughout the region. There is a need for affordable housing throughout the region and special consideration needs to be given.

Vennewitz discussed the high costs for vehicles going to less dense areas. They found it may be more economical for people in less dense areas to still privately own their vehicles.

Nick Thompson, Director of Metro Transportation Services, discussed transit market area maps – mix of shared mobility.

Drotning discussed commercial mixed use in his area and noted that they are not calling it TOD.

Commers discussed the proposed timeline and encouraged members to submit additional comments.

Governor's Task Force on Housing – Libby Starling, Community Development Division

Starling gave an update on the Governor's Task Force as outlined in the materials provided. She noted that in late March or early April there will be two forums coming out of this Task Force, and she

encouraged Committee members to attend. She also stated there is an opportunity for online engagement.

Starling discussed the survey done and noted there is a link in the materials provided.

Halbach discussed guidance from this group.

Hemken stated the Task Force is to help local elected officials educate the general population on what happens if we don't have affordable housing – what are the costs – kids are homeless, etc.

Geisler discussed the trouble with people who do not want it.

Klein discussed a need for attainable housing. He stated the market keeps building high-end housing.

Johnson asked what's the make up of members on the Task Force – rural vs. metro. Starling responded that the co-chairs are both metro based. She said it's about half and half.

Hemken asked how many are mayors. Starling responded there are two. She noted there are five developers and one realtor.

Drotning discussed the opportunity to educate public at comprehensive planning sessions.

Droste noted that the cost of raw lumber is up 20% in the last year (due to natural disasters) and labor is sparse.

Revised 2018 LUAC Draft Work Plan – Jon Commers, Chair

Commers reviewed the 2018 work plan provided and asked for feedback.

Smitten asked if there is something coming regarding metropolitan significance. Commers stated, like the review of the bylaws, it is just important to revisit the rules, etc. to make sure the language is current.

Halbach discussed the timing of items as the Council discusses. He talked about comprehensive plans and this committee's role in advising the Council.

Commers discussed the opportunity to observe patterns within comprehensive plans and also emerging themes.

Detrick referred to priorities and timing and stated there is opportunity for LUAC to comment on policy plans.

Neuendorf felt that a conversation regarding employment is missing from the work plan. He feels this is an area of tremendous change.

Geisler discussed technology in the right-of-way and how that relates to employment and the ability for some to work from home.

Johnson pointed out that the July meeting is listed as being on July 18 in the work plan, and it should be July 19.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Next Meeting – March 15, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Dingle
Recording Secretary