

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Committee Members Present: Chamblis, Cummings, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Atlas-Ingebretson, Johnson, 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 Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

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BUSINESS

2020-57 Nowthen 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Review File 22330-1

Planning Analyst Eric Wojchik presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Vento, 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 Nowthen to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the Community Designation for the eastern portion of the City to Rural Residential, as shown in Figure 3, and in accordance with the [Chapter 214, article 2, section 46 of the 2018 regular session of the Legislature.](#)
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for surface water management, land use, and plan implementation

Motion carried.

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

2020-49 Victory Memorial Regional Trail (Wirth Parkway segment) Master Plan Amendment, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board
Senior Planner Tracey Kinney presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Vento, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's Victory Memorial Parkway Regional Trail (Theodore Wirth Parkway Segment) Master Plan Amendment.
2. Require that Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, prior to initiating any new development of the regional trail corridor, send preliminary plans to the Engineering Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division.

Motion carried.

Chair Lilligren requested information on the timing and funds committed for the proposed improvements. Adam Arvidson, Director of Strategic Planning, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board responded after the meeting, that the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board's adopted [2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan](#) allocated \$550,000 of Metropolitan Council Regional Funds and \$450,000 of O and M Lottery Proceeds to the Victory Memorial Parkway (Theodore Wirth Parkway) Regional Trail in 2023. This investment for the regional trail was included in this capital improvement plan for its high equity metrics ranking.

2020-50 Rum River Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment, Anoka County
Senior Planner Tracey Kinney presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Anoka County's Rum River Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment.
2. Advise the County to consider the additional suggestions regarding placement and design of the trail contained at the end of this report.

Motion carried.

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

2020-58 Equity Analysis Requirement for Regional Park and Trail Master Planning

Senior Planner Tracey Kinney and Senior Researcher Darcie Vandegrift presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Lindstrom, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Equity Analysis Requirement for Park and Trail Master Plans as contained in this report with an effective date of June 1, 2020.
2. Advise Regional Parks Implementing Agencies that Park and Trail Master Plans submitted to the Council on or after June 1, 2020, will need to address the Equity Analysis Requirement.

Motion carried.

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

2020-70 2020 Annual Livable Communities Act Fund Distribution Plan

Livable Communities Manager Tara Beard presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council approve the attached 2020 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan.

Motion carried.

Committee members had questions about changes to Tax Base Revitalization Account scoring criteria, and how staff communicate and distribute the Fund Distribution Plan once it is adopted.

It was noted that the Local Housing Incentives Account award amount is significantly higher than in previous years, and that Livable Communities staff should work with Communications staff to highlight this notable increase in support for the construction and preservation of affordable housing.

2020-71 Metro HRA Homework Starts with Home Funding Application Approval

Metro HRA Director Terri Smith presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Lindstrom, that the Metropolitan Council approve the submittal of a Homework Starts with Home funding application to Minnesota Housing for \$700,000, and authorize the Director, Community Development, to execute a funding agreement for program operation, if funds are awarded.

Motion carried.

Ms. Smith responded to some general questions from the Community Development Committee about how the State's grant program works.

INFORMATION

1. Metro HRA Programs overview

Metro HRA Director Terri Smith presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

The purpose of this information item was to provide an overview of the programs for deeper understanding and context of all the HRA Programs.

The Metropolitan Council operates nine programs providing rent assistance to nearly 7,200 households. The programs have different rules and funding sources and serve varying populations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary