

# Minutes

Community Development Committee



**Meeting Date:** July 17, 2023

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Steet

## Members Present:

- Chair, Robert Lilligren, D7
- Vice Chair, Susan Vento, D11
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2

- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14

- Tenzin Dolkar, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16

## Call to Order

A quorum being present, Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter, to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Consent Business

1. **2023-144** Lake Marion Greenway Regional Trail Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award, (Peterson Property), Dakota County (Jessica Lee 651-602-1621)

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Vento that the Metropolitan Council Approve a grant of up to \$120,393 to Dakota County to acquire two parcels totaling 8.8 acres, and to acquire a 0.2-acre easement on the Peterson property, all located north of 220th Street West in Section 36 in Farmington, for the Lake Marion Greenway Regional Trail and authorize the Community Development Director to execute the restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

2. **2023-155** City of Rogers Roers Companies Workforce Apartments Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22296-3 (Freya Thamman 651-602-1750)

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Vento that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Rogers to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater, transportation, forecasts, and local surface water management.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action

without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

3. **2023-160** City of Cottage Grove Norhart Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22236-6 (Timothy Anderson 651-602-1380)

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Vento that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record Regional Parks, Forecasts, and Land Use.

#### **Motion carried.**

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

### **Information**

1. LCA Working Discussion (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198)

At the February 6, 2023, Community Development Committee meeting, the Committee approved the annual 2023 Livable Communities Act Fund Distribution Plan ([2023-48](#)). The Committee also directed staff to organize public Committee work sessions to discuss geographic distribution of funding in the Livable Community Demonstration Account and Transit Oriented Development programs.

Livable Communities Act (LCA) grants are awarded to participating communities in the seven-county metro region. Through nine different grant programs, LCA grants help communities achieve development goals that create more housing choice, support living wage job creation, and connect jobs, housing, and regional amenities to create a more equitable region (Figure 1). For reference, [Minn. Stat. 473.25](#) sets the purpose and direction for the Livable Communities program. There are currently 76 Twin Cities communities participating in LCA programs.

The workshop started with introductions, a PowerPoint presentation, and small break out group discussions.

### **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Community Development Committee meeting of July 17, 2023.

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