

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, September 17, 2018

Committee Members Present: Barber, Chavez, Commers, Cunningham, Dorfman, Elkins, Kramer, Munt, Wulff

Committee Members Absent:

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Commers called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2018.

2018-243 Public Hearing on the 2018 update to the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan
The draft plan was released for public comment on July 25, 2018. The public record will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2018. The draft of the 2018 update to the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan is available for review on the Council's website at:

<https://metro council.org/Parks/Planning/2018-Regional-Parks-Policy-Plan-Update.aspx>

Chair Commers instructed the audience how this hearing would be conducted. Below speakers are listed in order with name, and brief summary of comments. Full comments can be viewed online at:

http://metro council.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=2984

Allie Riley, Saint Paul resident, encourages use of Equity Tool Kit and more access for limited English speaking visitors.

Paul Mardell, Inver Grove Heights resident, has concerns with the 2001 Master Plan capital budget conflicts, inadequate budget for restoration, Legacy funds are used for construction.

Mark Ewert, Shakopee resident, park agency commissioner, suggests removing priority language and replace with original language.

Holly Jenkins, Wilderness in the City, requested three outcomes; 1) sustainability-minimize greenhouse gases, 2) trail system connection – not for commuters in a regional park, 3) stewardship – protect and preserve

Pat Cummings, Eagan resident, comments pertain to the language in chapter 7 regarding nature based recreational needs and the criteria in the tables is too broad.

Brad Blackett, Apple Valley resident, commented on his confusion by the language; seeing no direction with a gradual erosion of natural resources.

Catherin Zimmer, Women Observing Wildlife MN, as a health scientist she supports observing wildlife without disruption, indicated an increase in attendance

due to nature and is concerned omitted language in the plan lacks a commitment to protection and/or restoration.

Jessica Ostrov, Saint Paul resident, conveyed the concerns from students of color; feeling unsafe and/or marginalized at regional parks. Commenting 90% of campers were white.

Tom Passe, Eagan resident, commented on the lack of community engagement as indicated in Thrive and the revision in which transit language was added on page 8 of the plan.

Lynnea Atlas Ingebretson, Golden Valley, encourages equity, retain the amendments creating more inclusive park spaces and nature programs accessible on week nights to accommodate work schedules.

Lisa Tabor, Culture Brokers, a proponent of the tool kit and ambassador program had 3 comments: 1) maintain emphasis on equity, do not weaken language, 2) integrity in tool kit, 3) recognize a single equity grant program with not fix everything.

Patrick Stieg, Savage resident, troubled by the Legacy funding, challenges addressing equity and the control to prioritize projects. Why does the Council know better than the implementing agencies?

Emanuel Ortiz, Hope Community, made 3 suggestions regarding racial equity in the park system; 1) the original language is important, 2) more oversight on Master Plan metrics – need to be equitable, 3) examine recreation policy – shifts in demographics and demand.

Laura Hedlund, f Freedom R, expressed her gratitude and respect for the land. With an epidemic of depression, a direct connection with nature provides holistic and healthy benefits.

Cam Gordon, Minneapolis Council Member, requesting adding the Grand Rounds Final link on the master plan.

Chair Commers closed the hearing; reminding the audience the public comment period is open until 5:00 pm on September 27, 2018

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Kramer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Munt to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

2018-244 City of Andover Petersen Farms Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20326-10

Senior Planner Eric Wojchik presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chavez, seconded by Barber, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Andover to place the Petersen Farms Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect.
2. Find that the proposed amendment does not change the City's forecasts.

3. Strongly encourage the City to consider using alternative development options, such as those allowed in the City's Rural Reserve area to the southeast of the amendment site so as to allow for more effective protection of high quality natural resources on the site and to prevent the premature demand for urban services.
4. Advise the City to implement the additional advisory comments in the Review Record for Parks, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Housing.

Motion carried.

Councilmember Elkins asked if the subject area of the amendment will be served with sewer in the future. Council staff indicated that the area is not within the Municipal Urban Service Area or within the Long-term Service Area, so there are no plans to serve the area with urban services.

2018-245 City of Minneapolis The Redwell Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20348-15

Senior Planner Eric Wojchik presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Munt, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Minneapolis to place The Redwell Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect.
2. Advise the City to work with the Council to determine an updated forecast for its 2040 Comprehensive Plan that incorporates stronger than forecasted market demand and changes in guiding land use.
3. Advise the City that the Council requires the incorporation of density ranges into its land use policy to determine conformance and consistency with *Thrive MSP 2040*, the *2040 Transportation Policy Plan*, and the *2040 Housing Policy Plan*.
4. Advise the City to implement the additional advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Forecasts, Land Use, and Housing.

Motion carried.

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

2018-246 City of Shoreview, The Edison at Rice Creek Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20417-10

Planning Analyst Patrick Boylan presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chavez, seconded by Munt, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Shoreview to place the Edison at Rice Creek Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts for population and households for 2020, 2030, and 2040 as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.

3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Parks, Forecasts, and Land Use.

Motion carried.

Councilmember Munt asked if there was any relationship between the amendment site and TCAAP (Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant). Mr. Boylan commented that the TCAAP Site was located to the south and west of the site in the City of Arden Hills and that this site is not affected by it.

Committee Chair Commers noted that the “Mixed Use and HD Senior Residential” category had an unusual density range of 1 to 45 units per acre allowed. Mr. Boylan said that Local Planning Assistance staff have been in discussion with City Planning Staff and have suggested that the low end of this range be changed to more accurately reflect the market conditions in the City.

2018-247 City of West St. Paul Marthaler Lane Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 20554-8 Planning Analyst Patrick Boylan presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Chavez, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of St. Paul to place the Marthaler Lane Comprehensive Plan Amendment (amendment) into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the review record for Regional Parks, Forecasts, and Housing.

Motion carried.

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

2018-248 City of Rosemount UMore/Opus Property Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20361-20

Planning Analyst Patrick Boylan presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

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

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Rosemount to place the UMore/Opus Property Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) 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 consistency with the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) for environmental concerns.

Motion carried.

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

2018-249 City of Shakopee Sand Company Apartments Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20434-9
Planning Analyst Angela Torres presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Barber, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Shakopee to place the Sand Company Apartments (Southbridge Crossing) Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect.
2. Find that the proposed amendment changes the City's forecasts. The City will address all forecast adjustments, including both community-wide and TAZ forecasts, through the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Forecasts, Land Use, Housing, and Environment.

Motion carried.

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

2018-250 City of Shakopee Amendments: Windermere (Review File No. 20434-16), The Willows (Review File No. 20434-15), and BHS (Review File No. 20434-10) Comprehensive Plan Amendments
Planning Analyst Angela Torres presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

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

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Shakopee to place the Windermere, The Willows, and BHS Comprehensive Plan Amendments (amendments) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed amendments do change the City's forecasts. The City will address all forecast adjustments, including both community-wide and TAZ forecasts, through the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Forecasts, Housing, and Stormwater.

Motion carried.

Representatives from the City were in attendance. Council member Wulff commented on how cities could use mixed use districts in local plans as a means to avoid having to change land use boundaries through an amendment.

2018-251 2019 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan Approval
HRA Manager Jennifer Keogh presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.
It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Chavez, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the 2019 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan, including changes to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan.
2. Authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications.
3. Direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Motion carried.

Ms. Keogh answered a question regarding duplicate inspections done by the Council and the City, stating the inspections are different with differing timing and enforcement.

2018-238 Establish Public Hearing for Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-cycle Housing Goals for 2011-2020

Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Barber, that the Metropolitan Council conduct a public hearing on December 3, 2018, at 4:00 P.M. in the Metropolitan Council Chambers to receive comment on the Livable Communities Act (LCA) Local Housing Incentives Account Affordable and Life-cycle Housing goals for 2011-2020 adopted by any community electing to participate in the LCA by November 15, 2018.

Motion carried.

Committee members asked questions about why Shakopee has asked to join at this time and whether the timing of the Livable Communities Act housing goals process would conflict with those cities that have requested extensions of the deadline for comprehensive plan updates. Burns explained that the City of Shakopee just decided to join the program, and that the comprehensive planning extension process would not conflict with the Livable Communities Act housing goals process.

INFORMATION

1. none

ADJOURNMENT

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

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary