

Council Chair Adam Duinick

Council Members

Katie Rodriguez	Jennifer Munt	Gary Cunningham	Edward Reynoso	Sandy Rummel	Richard Kramer	Steven Chávez
Lona Schreiber	Steve Elkins	Cara Letofsky	Marie McCarthy	Harry Melander	Jon Commers	Wendy Wulff
Deb Barber	Gail Dorfman					

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

Rodriguez, Schreiber, Munt, Barber, Elkins, Dorfman, Cunningham, Reynoso, McCarthy, Rummel, Kramer, Chávez, Wulff, Duinick

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:06PM.

PUBLIC INVITATION

La Shella Sims shared concerns regarding equity in transportation planning.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Rodriguez.

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Elkins.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-4)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2016-52 Pass Resolution 2016-5 that authorizes acquisition of permanent and temporary easements necessary for the 2016 Blue Lake Interceptor Rehabilitation Project and authorizes Council legal staff to initiate condemnation proceedings for those parcels that staff cannot acquire by negotiation.
2. 2016-53 Ratify the Emergency Declaration for repair of a broken valve at L-35 and plugged forcemain at 4-NS-524 located in Moundsview, MN.
3. 2016-56 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to amend the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust the description and increase the cost of its 35th and 36th Street Intersection Overhead Signal project (SP #141-030-023).
4. 2016-60 Authorize the Regional Administrator to execute grant agreements in amount of \$1,047,000 with SouthWest Transit (SWT) and an amount not to exceed \$5,819,000 with Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) to provide supplemental transit operating funding during CY2016.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2016-63 SW Approve the 2016 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

Environment—Reports on Consent Agenda

Management—No Reports

Transportation

2016-58 Concur with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) action to award \$1.8 million in Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to eight innovative travel demand management (TDM) projects at the recommended funding level per the attachment to the business item.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

OTHER BUSINESS

2016-47 Approve the following appointments to the Equity Advisory Committee:

Community Members—17 Members

Eight Geographic Members to four-year terms, ending in January 2020

Elham Ashkar – District A
Tie Oei – District B
Leslie Redmond – District C
Ruthie Johnson – District D
Shirley Cain – District E
Metric Giles – District F
Leon Rodrigues – District G
Vayong Moua – District H

Nine At-Large Members to two-year terms, ending in January 2018

Kadra Abdi
Kimberly Carpenter
Claudia Cody
Acooa Ellis
Ishmael Israel
David Ketroser
Sindy Morales Garcia
Nelima Sitati Munene
Rebecca Stratton

Metropolitan Council Members—4 Members

Council Member Edward Reynoso, District 9, Equity Advisory Committee Co-Chair
Council Member Jennifer Munt, District 3
Council Member Deb Barber, District 4
Council Member Steven Chávez, District 15

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Chávez.

Motion carried.

2016-59 Approve the following standing committee assignments recommended by the Chair, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III, A.1.

Community Development	Environment	Management	Transportation	Litigation Review
Cunningham, Chair	Rummel, Chair	Chávez, Chair	Schreiber, Chair	Chávez, Chair
Commers, Vice Chair	Wulff, Vice Chair	Kramer, Vice Chair	Rodriguez, Vice Chair	Melander, Vice Chair
Wulff	Melander	Melander	Barber	Cunningham
Chávez	Schreiber	Rodriguez	Munt	Schreiber
Kramer	Reynoso	Barber	Elkins	
Munt	McCarthy	Cunningham	Dorfman	
Dorfman		Rummel	Letofsky	
Elkins			Reynoso	
Letofsky			McCarthy	
			Commers	

Approve the following special committee assignments recommended by the Chair:

Audit
Reynoso, Chair
Chávez
Letofsky

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Elkins.

Motion carried.

Approve the appointment of Katie Rodriguez as the Metropolitan Council member representative to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB).

It was moved by Duininck, seconded by Wulff.

Motion carried.

2016-61 Approve the appointment of Harry Melander as Vice Chair pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article I.B.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Kramer.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Fifth Annual Placemaking Residency: Design for Equity

Mark VanderSchaaf provided an introduction and explained that “placemaking” is mixed land uses, the incorporation of public spaces sensitive to user’s needs and aspirations, connectivity, and high quality, inviting urban design. Creative placemaking incorporates arts and culture, and deep placemaking incorporates arts and culture and personality. In 2011, the Council partnered with the McKnight Foundation to sponsor a Corridors of Opportunity workshop called “Unleashing the Potential of the Central Corridor.” In 2012, the First Annual Placemaking Residency with Charles Landry occurred. Jodi Petrich from the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation gave an overview of past Placemaking Residencies and described what is planned for this year’s event. The Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation produces the Placemaking Residency, which is intended to inspire conversation about the future of our communities, build stronger networks among people who care about our cities, and realize the potential of and strengthen the Twin Cities as a world-class region. This year’s theme is Design for Equity. The intended outcomes for this year’s event are: a greater understanding of the implications of public and private development decisions and their impact on creating equitable environments; for community leaders to become committed to and be champions for putting equity into practice in the development of the greater MSP region; build stronger networks among people who care about our cities – from grassroots to grass tops; to learn how we as conveners can better support this network of leaders beyond the residency; and ultimately, change cultural norms and applied practice with respect to local governance. Petrich encouraged everyone to attend the events throughout the series.

Metro Transit Everyday Equity Update

Wanda Kirkpatrick provided an introduction. Change Teams focusing on equity have been established in the five areas within the Council, and the Project Manager for the Metro Transit division is Allison Bell. Allison Bell, Gary Courtney (Metro Transit Technician Program Administrator), and Caitlin Schwartz (Community Outreach Coordinator) provided an update on some of the Everyday Equity activities going on at Metro Transit. Everyday Equity enhances the way we do business to create equitable outcomes. There are 12 employees on the Metro Transit Change Team, which is the coordinating body for the equity work within Metro Transit. The Team is working to build a network and share the equity concept among all employees. One of the ways Metro Transit is working to advance equity is by breaking down barriers to opportunity for community members, employees, and customers. Three examples of how this work is being done are employee engagement, the Metro Transit Technician Program, and the Better Bus Stops project. The Metro Transit Technician program is an innovative career development program designed to address Metro Transit’s current and future Bus Mechanic Technician needs through a sustainable workforce pipeline. The goals of the Better Bus Stops project are to improve bus stops that enhance access to employment, education, and opportunity, and have authentic community engagement.

REPORTS

Council Members:

Elkins – Addressed a young professionals’ rotary club.

Cunningham – Participated in a Minneapolis Downtown Council meeting where they voted in support of expanding our transit system. They want to see something happen this year around transit. Attended

the Council's "Equity Where We Live and Work" event along with CM Chávez and CM Barber. Attended the West Broadway Community Advisory Committee meeting.

Rummel – The I&I Task Force had their second meeting and heard from a national expert on I&I issues. She thanked staff who are supporting that task force. It was a very productive meeting.

Rodriguez – Met with the new City Administrator for Maple Grove, their planner, and their engineer. She is very pleased with the new TAB citizen members. Metro Cities held an information session on the new Regional Solicitation and 35 communities were represented; a few of the TAB citizen members also attended.

Chair: Has been attending State of the City events and encouraged Council members to attend as well. Participated in the Community Development Conversations Series at the History Center where he spoke about housing and community development issues in the region. CM Dorfman also attended. Participated in a tour and train ride with Karlis Barobs, an 8 year-old boy with cancer who wanted to donate some of his cancer funds to SWLRT. Attended an equity event at the MCES Metro Plant along with CM Rummel.

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 23rd, 2016.

Approved this 13th day of April, 2016.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary