

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting Date: October 2, 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 Wulff, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Public Hearing

2023-235 Public Hearing – Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing, Application to U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198)

The purpose of this item is to conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on a draft application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the “Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing” (PRO Housing) program.

No one requested to speak.

Non-Consent Business

1. **2023-236** JT: City of Shorewood 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22304-1 (Freya Thamman 651-602-1750)

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

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Shorewood to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City’s population and employment forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for forecasts and water supply.

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

2. **2023-237** 2024 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan Approval (Stephanie Paulson 651-602-1584)

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

1. Approve the 2024 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan, including changes to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan as described in this report and attachments.
2. Authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications.
3. Direct staff to submit the final PHA Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

As an administrator of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Choice Voucher program, the Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) is required to prepare and submit an annual update to its Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan.

The Council Members discussed the complexity of this issue and restraints. Engagement with other housing authorities was suggested, and necessary changes in Congress. The Committee expressed their appreciation for the information and strong advocacy.

Information

1. Community Development Division 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program (Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)

This information item provided background on the Community Development Capital Program. The Capital Program is a multi-year plan representing authorized and planned projects. The Council adopts a program-level budget for each division. Individual projects are grouped into "programs" based on their similarities. Projects carry forward from year to year and are included, removed, and changed through the Council's amendment process. The proposed 2024-2029 Community Development Capital Program builds on the approved 2023-2018 Capital program. At the Committee meeting, Council staff will provide an overview of the Family Affordable Housing Program and Regional Parks systems, funding sources, allocations, assumptions, and notable modifications from the approved 2023-2028 program to the 2024-2029 proposed program.

Council Member Wulff commented on the distinction between a city trail vs a regional trail regarding funding sources based on designation.

2. LCA Work Group Discussion #2: Setting Priorities (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198)
After a presentation Council Members engaged in a work group discussion regarding setting priorities. Staff facilitated the conversation with questions and electronic prioritizing.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:10 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 October 2, 2023.

Council Contact:

Michele Wenner, Recording Secretary

