

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, January 13, 2016 4:00PM Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Duinick called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Rummel.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Letofsky.

BUSINESS

Information Item: Metropolitan Airports Commission Annual Update

The Council recognized Jeff Hamiel's many contributions to the region and the State of Minnesota with a proclamation read by Chair Duinick. Hamiel is retiring in May, 2016.

Jeff Hamiel, Executive Director, and Bridget Rief, Director of Airport Development, provided an update on the Metropolitan Airports Commission. Hamiel provided a broad overview, while Rief focused on the many improvements and upgrades happening at the MSP airport. CM Letofsky serves as the Council's representative on the MAC.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-2)

Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2015-309 Authorize a grant of up to \$1,050,000.00 to reimburse Carver County for acquisition of the 33.7-acre Coney Island for Lake Waconia Regional Park, financed from: \$630,000 from the 2017 state fiscal year Minnesota Parks and Trails Fund appropriation, and \$420,000 from Metropolitan Council bonds; and authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and the restrictive covenant.
2. 2015-310 Consider reimbursing Carver County up to \$169,878 from its share of future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Programs financed with Council bonds for demolition and debris removal costs on Coney Island in the Lake Waconia Regional Park; and remind the County that the Council does not, under any circumstances, represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

BUSINESS

Community Development

2015-252 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and the Chair to execute a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to provide \$1,000,000 in program support in the form of a grant to the Twin Cities Community Land Bank (Land Bank) to further the Land Bank's work to acquire sites for future affordable housing using guidelines listed in Attachment 1 to assist in the prioritization of investments.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Letofsky.

Motion carried.

2015-316 Award two Livable Communities Demonstration Account grants, as follows, and authorize the Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council:

Development Projects	Applicant	Points	Recommendation
Weehouse EcoVillage Zoning	St. Paul		\$50,000
Weehouse EcoVillage Predevelopment	St. Paul		\$50,000
Total Recommended			\$100,000

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Commers.

Motion carried.

2015-317 Award 12 Tax Base Revitalization Account grants as follows and authorize the Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council:

Projects recommended for Fall 2015 TBRA funding cycle:	Recommended Amount
Pilot	
University Av Inc. (Former Lexington Library)	\$13,500
Contamination Cleanup	
Fridley HRA – Northern Stacks Phase III	\$902,500
Minneapolis – 117 27 th	\$175,300
Minneapolis – 4041 Hiawatha	\$58,800
Minneapolis – ABC Industrial Development	\$150,000
Minneapolis – Aeon Prospect Park	\$201,300
Minneapolis – Great River Landing	\$187,200

Minneapolis – PPL YouthLink Supportive Services	\$110,000
Minneapolis – Target Field Office Building	\$477,900
Saint Paul – 745 Cleveland	\$213,300
Saint Paul – Fillmore Av Apartments	\$174,400
Saint Paul – Midway Senior Living	\$777,300
TOTAL	\$3,441,500

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Schreiber.

Motion carried.

Environment—No reports

Management—No Reports

Transportation

2016-6 SW Authorize the Regional Administrator to enter into negotiations and to execute a contract with ETC Institute to conduct the 2016 Transit On-Board Survey for an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Munt.

Motion carried.

2016-7 SW Find that the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) had an adequate public participation process for the development and review of its 2016-2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including preparation of an assessment of environmental effects (AOEE) for 2016 projects with potential environmental effects; that there were no projects that need to be approved in the CIP since no projects meet both the funding level and “significant effects” criteria; that the 2016 CIP projects are in conformance with the region’s Aviation System Plan and consistent with Council policy.

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Rummel.

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORTS

Council Members:

Munt—Shared that she was impressed by the number of applicants who are interested in serving on the Equity Advisory Committee. All applicants will be interviewed and a list of them will be distributed to Council members.

Commers—Shared that he is representing the Council on the Snelling-Midway Citizens Advisory Committee which is deliberating the future of the Snelling Midway site. He is happy to discuss this with anyone who is interested.

Chair: Presented on transportation and the upcoming legislative session at a joint meeting of the Regional Council of Mayors (RCM) and the Urban Land Institute MN Advisory Board (ULI). Chair Duininck was on a panel with Commissioner Zelle, Commissioner McLaughlin, and Commissioner McDonough. Lt. Gov. Smith spoke prior to the panel's presentation.

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28PM.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 13, 2016.

Approved this 27th day of January, 2016.

Emily Getty
Recording Secretary