

Minutes of the

MEETING OF THE LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Phillip Klein, Gerald Bruner, Noah Keller, Jonathan Bottema, Steve Morris, Dan Roe, Chair Wendy Wulff, Suado Abdi, Mitra Jalali Nelson, Trista MatasCastillo, Kathi Hemken, April Graves, Courtney Schroeder

Committee Members Absent:

Jennifer Geisler, Kathi Mocol, Mark Nelson, Vince Workman, Karl Drotning

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wulff called the regular meeting of the Council's Land Use Advisory Committee to order at 4:02 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Wulff called for a motion to approve the November 21, 2019 agenda. It was motioned by Bruner and seconded by Klein. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Wulff called for a motion to approve the September 19, 2019 minutes. April Graves noted that she was in attendance. Mitra Jalali Nelson noted the correct spelling of her name. It was motioned by Klein and seconded by Hemken to approve the minutes with the noted amendments. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

Bus Service Allocation Study – Cole Hiniker and Daniel Pena, Metropolitan Transportation Services

Hiniker and Pena gave a presentation on the upcoming Bus Service Allocation Study as outlined in the materials provided.

Pena discussed the existing transit system and route types, scope of work for the study, and existing conditions and alternative scenarios.

Bottema asked about resources – are we talking about costs? Hiniker replied, not directly, and stated the study focused on services.

Hiniker discussed upcoming workshops on scenario development and analysis and how it can be linked to land use. Committee members will be invited and encouraged to attend. He asked how cities can support transit through their land use decisions – this is a question to ponder and discuss further at workshops. Another question Hiniker raised for consideration is what scenarios would achieve and how do we measure success.

Schroeder asked what is the community involvement in this? Hiniker stated they are going to be targeting certain groups. He noted they would like feedback on what groups should be targeted.

Bruner asked do all bus companies get subsidies. Wulff noted all require some sort of subsidy.

Bruner asked if the Met Council controls this. Wulff stated it's a partnership. Counties have money and the Met Council gets money from the Legislature.

Roe discussed density of employment and types of employment and felt that data would be helpful. Morris noted that the Census Bureau has lots of this data.

Hiniker discussed data sets available that will help.

A Typology of Suburban Change – Baris Gumus-Dawes, Research, Angela Torres, Local Planning Assistance, and Nicole Sullivan, Local Planning Assistance

Gumus-Dawes and Torres gave a presentation on a Typology of Suburban Change Study that is outlined in the presentation provided.

Gumus-Dawes discussed feedback staff are looking for specifically (listed in the handout on page 4). She reviewed census tracts by type.

Bottema asked about certain data, i.e., inflow of people of color, and what impact this has. Gumus-Dawes discussed the effects on programs/services; for example, immigrants may prefer more soccer fields versus baseball fields.

Bottema stated he didn't understand how ethnic demographic data would affect land planning.

Sullivan demonstrated a website that has been developed that shows all of the types of census tracts shown in Gumus-Dawes's presentation.

Jalali Nelson asked how staff tracked people of color changed by migration versus movement/displacement – placed based growth versus displaced. Gumus-Dawes stated that they are not able to disseminate that information.

Hemken asked where the website can be found. Torres explained that it is still being developed. She noted that staff can provide a link once it is available and will provide specific questions for feedback.

Abdi asked how these specific census tracks were chosen. Gumus-Dawes noted all were within the seven-county metro area excluding Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Bruner asked what the purpose of the study was. Gumus-Dawes stated that they are looking at trends over the past 20 years to help communities be pro-active in their planning. Torres added we also see it as a technical assistance tool.

Graves discussed changes that are happening, and this is helpful for supporting change, however, she stated it could have a negative impact where changes are happening that a city may not support. Gumus-Dawes stated this tool would be to provide technical assistance.

Schroeder discussed variables. Gumus-Dawes discussed the methodology used.

Morris asked if there is analysis that shows public safety data. Gumus-Dawes stated they have not checked into this, but noted it is an interesting point.

Jalali Nelson discussed the number of persons of color being displaced to find affordable housing. She felt it would be helpful to know why people have migrated to where they are.

Torres discussed other groups they've presented to and reiterated that they welcome feedback.

Graves discussed concern that the different types are being labeled with valuations. Gumus-Dawes stated that this has been discussed at length.

Torres stated that they expect to bring this back in January.

Draft 2020 Land Use Advisory Committee Work Plan – Wendy Wulff

Wulff discussed the draft work plan and asked Deb Detrick to give a quick overview.

Detrick reviewed the work plan as outlined in the materials provided.

Wulff asked the group to look over the list and asked for feedback on items members felt strongly about as the list may be too long to cover everything.

Morris suggested surveying members and have them rank the list.

Klein asked if there are certain items the Met Council would like this group to focus on.

Graves stated she is interested in transit and transportation and economic competitiveness.

Bruner stated he is interested in Livable Community Grants and transportation.

Hemken added that she would like to see a survey as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Wulff reminded members that there will be a joint meeting of LUAC/MAWSAC on December 5th from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. She noted that information will be sent out soon.

Business completed the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Dingle
Recording Secretary