

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, August 17, 2020

Committee Members Present: Atlas-Ingebretson, Chamblis, Cummings, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Muse, Vento

Committee Members Absent: Wulff

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Lee to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS

2020-224 Public Hearing - Public Housing Agency Annual Plan 2021

The purpose of this item was to conduct a public hearing to inform a future action on the Public Housing Agency Plan. No public testimony was requested or heard at the virtual public hearing.

2020-225 JT: City of Hopkins 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22094-1

Senior Planner Michael Larson presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Lee, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Hopkins to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the attached Review Record.
3. Advise the City to:
 - a. When available, provide to the Council the dates the two Watershed Districts approved the final Local Water Management Plan (LWMP), and the date the City adopted the final LWMP.
 - b. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Water Supply.

Motion carried.

Council members inquired about differences between privately-owned open space or recreational uses and a Plan's land use policy that supports future residential development. Council members commented on the decline in demand

for golf courses, and Mr. Larson explained how communities plan for the creation and preservation of open spaces and natural resources.

2020-215 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Lake Rebecca Park Reserve (Ahrens), Three Rivers Park District

Senior Planner Jessica Lee presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Vento, seconded by Johnson, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$727,500 to Three Rivers Park District to acquire the 15.14-acre Ahrens property located at 8680 Rebecca Park Trail in the City of Greenfield for Lake Rebecca Park Reserve.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council.
3. Consider reimbursing Three Rivers Park District for up to \$242,500 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Bonding Program for costs associated with their local match.
4. Inform Three Rivers Park District that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that the Council will grant future reimbursement and that expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

Motion carried.

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

2020-216 Release the draft 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Amendment for public comment and set public hearing date

Parks Manager Emmett Mullin and Senior Planner Tracey Kinney presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Release the 2020 draft amendment to the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* for public comment.
2. Authorize a public comment period from August 26, 2020, to October 30, 2020, including a public hearing to be conducted at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020, at the regularly scheduled Community Development Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson, who serves as the Council's liaison to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC), shared discussion themes during last week's MPOSC meeting. These included using plain language in all communication materials to be inviting to hopeful participants. They also seek to reach out to new communities to encourage a wide array of residents to comment.

INFORMATION

1. 2021 Operating Budget Development

Finance and Administration Director Heather Aagesen-Huebner presented the information item to the Community Development Committee.

The preliminary 2021 Community Development Division budget is currently under development. Council staff initiated the operation budget discussion with the Committee on the regularly scheduled committee meeting on July 20, 2020. Because of time constraints at that meeting, this information item

continued the conversation and provided Committee members a targeted discussion of the Metro Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) operating budget and Parks program interest earnings . Also outlined, a September information item on the Community Development Capital Program.

Council members asked questions regarding the expected changes in Federal funding and expected market rate increases. Ms. Agesen-Huebner replied with percentages from last year, this year, and next year. Council members inquired about the interest funds, programming costs, and funding options. Ms. Agesen-Huebner explained the option amounts, and the feedback from implementing agencies. Council members expressed need for funds to be used for programming and communications. The next concern from Council members was the process to receive funds and timing. Ms. Agesen-Huebner explained the competitive process and formula. Ms. Agesen-Huebner solicited feedback from Council members with a preference of option 1 or 2, and option 2 was preferred by Council members and encourage availability of funds as soon as possible. Ms. Agesen-Huebner explained the timing of the upcoming amendment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary