

# Minutes

Committee of the Whole



**Meeting Date:** April 19, 2023

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Steet

## Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Charlie Zelle       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Cederberg, District 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Lilligren, District 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 8     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Barber, District 4     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, District 11     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present                   |

## Call to Order

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:03 p.m.

## Agenda Approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2023, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried.**

## Information

### 1. Local Planning Stories: Planning for Climate Change

Eric Wojchik, Planning Analyst, Community Development, introduced Rachel Workin, City of Fridley, and Emma Struss, City of Bloomington. Workin and Struss were invited to share the stories of their cities' work on climate change initiatives.

Rachel Workin began with an overview of the work in Fridley. Fridley has a strong park focus and is a Mississippi River community. Emma Struss then shared an overview of Bloomington's work on sustainability and reaching climate goals. Wojchik then facilitated a discussion with both presenters, with questions regarding the challenges that cities face, data supporting the work, and the next big initiative for each city.

Council members had questions and comments regarding data, rebates, energy efficiency and home values, tree removal cost, and the role of data, incentives, and equity within sustainability work. They also discussed the cities' role in working with small businesses, best practices for transit-oriented development, and outreach and engagement.

## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.



## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole meeting of April 19, 2023.

Approved this 3rd day of May 2023.

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