

# Minutes

Community Development Committee



**Meeting Date:** October 7, 2024

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Steet

## Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Robert Lilligren, D7  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tenzin Dolkar, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Susan Vento, D11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14                |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2    |  |  |

## 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 the Agenda

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

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lindstrom, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Consent

- 2024-270** City of Elko New Market R & F Properties Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22468-5 (MacKenzie Young-Walters 651-602-1373)  
It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:
  - Authorize the City of Elko New Market to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
  - Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
  - Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Land Use, Surface Water, and Water Supply.

### Motion carried

- 2024-271** Signature Authorization for City of St. Paul Pass-Through Grant - Wakan Tipi (Erin Acton 651-602-1938)  
It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Community Development Executive Director to execute the grant agreement and amendment(s) for SFY 2024 Legislatively Designated Pass-through Program grant to the City of St. Paul for the Wakan Tipi Center (SG-24P6-07-02), in accordance with Table 1.

### Motion carried

3. **2024-272** North Creek Greenway Regional Trail, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (Oliver), Dakota County (Jessica Lee 651-602-1621)

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

Approve a grant of up to \$117,384 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to acquire a 20.43-acre parcel located on Vermillion River Trail in Empire, MN, for the North Creek Greenway Regional Trail.

**Motion carried**

4. **2024-273** Miesville Ravine Park Reserve, Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Award (Schwamb), Dakota County (Jessica Lee 651-602-1621)

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

Approve a grant of up to \$388,910 from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to acquire a 5-acre parcel located at 26287 Miesville Trail in Douglas Township, MN, for the Miesville Ravine Park Reserve.

**Motion carried**

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

## Public Hearing

**2024-288** Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing, FY 2024 Application to U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198)

No one provided testimony.

## Non-Consent

1. **2024-289** Authorizing Submittal of Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing, FY 2024 Application to U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Johnson that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Authorize the Executive Director of the Community Development Division to finalize and submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the "Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing" (PRO Housing) program.

2. Commit \$3 million in Local Housing Incentive Account grants, no later than in the years 2027-2028, as leverage for the PRO Housing grant, if awarded.

**Motion carried**

The committee expressed interest in learning more about the FY 2023 PRO Housing grant activities. Berke indicated that this could be added as an informational update for the committee calendar in the future, once the grant activities are finalized with HUD. The committee also discussed the impact of climate change and challenging property insurance markets as an increasing barrier to housing.



2. **2024-274** City of Marine on St. Croix Historic Riverway Buildings and Rosabelle Future Land Use Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22256-2 (Emma Dvorak 651-602-1399)

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

1. Authorize the City of Marine on St. Croix to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use.

### **Motion carried**

Council Member Chamblis inquired about the inconsistencies in the plan and the impact. She also suggested tracking inconsistencies and their impact; major or minor.

### **Information**

1. Livable Communities Act Program Update (Sarah Berke 651-602-1198; Mary Kay Bailey; Ellen Waters)  
Bailey and Waters facilitated a follow-up workshop, providing handouts and a worksheet for Committee Members to complete.

### **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:15 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 7, 2024.

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