

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, April 16, 2018

Committee Members Present: Commers, Chavez, Elkins, Dorfman

Committee Members Absent: Barber, Cunningham, Kramer, Munt, Wulff

Committee Members Excused:

Due to a lack of quorum, only information items were presented to the Community Development Committee on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 4:05 pm

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

BUSINESS – no action on Business Items due to lack of quorum

INFORMATION

1. 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Update: Discussion about Recreation Activities and Facilities

Emmett Mullin and Dan Marckel presented the information item to the Community Development Committee

Minnesota Statute section 473.147 requires the Metropolitan Council to prepare and adopt a long-range system policy plan for regional recreation open space as part of the Council's Metropolitan Development Guide. This Council's long range system policy plan, known as the *2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan* (RPPP), must include policies, strategies, and a system plan that guide the Regional Parks System as well as estimated costs for acquisition and development and a five year capital improvement program. The Council adopted the RPPP on February 11, 2015. Minnesota Statute section 473.147 also requires the Council to complete a comprehensive review of the plan every four years. The current update addresses this statutory requirement to complete a comprehensive review.

Staff described recent activities related to the RPPP update process engaged the Community Development Committee in a discussion about recreation activities and facilities policy. Staff shared perspectives from recent discussions with regional parks implementing agency staff and the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC).

Attachment A summarizes the current Regional Park Policy Plan language regarding the recreation activities and facilities policy and four strategies.

[Strategy 1: Activities in regional parks must be tied to the natural resources of the parks, but not adversely affect them.](#) [Regional Parks Policy Plan, p.65]

[Strategy 2: Most heavy recreational use should be accommodated in the more urban regional parks.](#) [p.70]

[Strategy 3: Strengthen equitable usage of regional parks and trails among all residents, across race, ethnicity, income, and ability.](#) [p.71]

[Strategy 4: Bicycle and pedestrian facilities should be coordinated between the Regional Parks System and the transportation system.](#) [p.73]

Holly Jenkins, representing Wilderness in the City, requested to speak to the Community Development Committee. Chair Commers recognized her request. She provided insight from her group regarding the Regional Parks Policy Plan.

2. 2019 Community Development Division Preliminary Budget Discussion

Interim Community Development Division Director Libby Starling and Director of Finance, Community Development & Metropolitan Transit Services Divisions Heather Aagesen-Huebner presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

The development of the base 2019 Community Development Division budget is in the early stages. This discussion is intended to provide Committee members an opportunity to help shape budget development and identify new or additional programmatic or project initiatives to advance *Thrive MSP 2040* outcomes and principles.

Staff provide an overview of some key opportunities and challenges staff have identified thus far.

New or additional programmatic or project initiatives are often funded with the General Purposes Levy, which is typically used for one-time initiatives or the pilot period for potential long-term initiatives while long term funding sources are being identified. Previously identified initiatives under this Council have included:

- Transit Oriented Development (TOD) capacity/staff (subsequently transferred to Metro Transit to establish the TOD office)
- The Livable Communities Act (LCA) Transit Oriented Development grant categories within the Demonstration and Cleanup accounts
- Housing policy, planning and development technical assistance capacity
- Additional research capacity
- Housing mobility (Community Choice Program) capacity
- Regional Parks Ambassador program
- Climate resiliency planning and research capacity
- Economic competitiveness capacity
- Fair housing initiatives support
- Planning grants for local governments
- Strategic land acquisition for affordable housing support
- Increased support for affordable housing gap financing (LCA Local Housing Initiative Account)
- Financial support for naturally-occurring affordable housing

To the (as of yet unknown) extent that there are resources available in the General Purposes Levy, staff invite Community Development Committee members to share their thoughts to inform future budget discussions.

3. Land Use Advisory Committee Report (Jon Commers; Debra Detrick 651 602-1327)

Community Development Committee and LUAC Chair Commers presented an update of the Land Use Advisory Committee to the Community Development Committee.

The 2018 work plan for the Community Development Committee includes periodic reports from the Land Use Advisory Committee.

The Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) gives advice and assistance on metropolitan land use, comprehensive planning, and matters of metropolitan significance as requested by the Metropolitan Council. With the addition of two new members appointed to represent District 3 and District 4 (Carver County), 16 members serve on the Committee chaired by Council Member Commers. One seat remains open for District 10. Half of Committee members must be locally elected officials.

In January and March, the Committee determined its 2018 Work Plan and addressed topics related to land use and comprehensive planning. Committee members discussed several agenda items in depth, including housing messaging, a draft chapter of the 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Update, change in suburban neighborhoods, and information on the 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan (RPPP) Update.

The Committee's [Agenda](#) items on January 18, 2018, included:

- 2040 Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) Update: Land Use and Local Planning Changes; [PowerPoint](#) and [Draft Chapter 3](#) – Land Use and Local Planning;
- [Governor's Task Force on Housing](#); and
- [Revised 2018 LUAC Draft Work Plan](#).

On March 15, 2018, the Committee approved an [Updated 2018 LUAC Work Plan](#) and discussed the following [Agenda](#) items:

- Update on Appointment of New Committee Members;
- [2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan Update](#);
- [A Typology of Change in Suburban Neighborhoods](#); and
- [How We Talk About Housing Matters](#).

In March, the Committee also received a [2017 Report on PlanIt Program](#). The American Planning Association recently announced a National Planning Achievement Award for resources and technical assistance that Local Planning Assistance offers to communities. The Committee served as an advisory group to support the development of the [Local Planning Handbook](#) and the [PlanIt](#) training program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary