

Minutes of the

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Committee Members Present: Cunningham, Chávez, Elkins, Kramer, Munt, Rummel, Wulff, Commers

Committee Members Absent: None.

Committee Members Excused: None.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Cunningham called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Rummel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 special meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

2015-32 Brooklyn Park Town Center Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20463-8

Senior Planner Annalee Garletz presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Chávez, to recommend that the Metropolitan Council (1) adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Brooklyn Park to put *Town Center* comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect and (2) Find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

Motion carried.

2015-31 Authorization to Amend the 2015 Unified Budget—Carry-Forward Amendment

HRA Assistant Manager Jennifer Keogh presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the amendment of the 2015 Unified Operating Budget as indicated and in accordance with the memorandum provided.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. 2015 Community Development Committee Work Plan – Acting Community Development Director Beth Reetz gave an overview of the 2015 CDC Work plan as outlined in the materials provided and specifically discussed the 2015 initiatives listed. She noted an error in the report. There will **not** be a report of the 2014 Metro Residents Survey in September. She asked the Commission for additional suggestions/ideas of topics to be discussed. Commers noted that they could also be emailed to himself or Reetz at a later date.

Elkins asked about CDC's involvement in the TOD Guidebook. Reetz noted that it is part of the Local Planning Handbook (LPH).

Munt noted that she wished there was more time to see more of what is happening in person in the cities – during daylight hours. She felt it would be helpful to see the outcomes of their work. Cunningham and Commers agreed.

Commers stated he would like to see more about System Statements (SS) and forecasts. He felt we need to be sure that we take enough time to have conversations on how to build SS that are more beneficial.

Elkins agreed and stated he would like the same approach to the LPH as well.

Cunningham suggested a possible workshop to put in time for those interested to give input on these important topics. He noted it could also (and/or) be a discussion at the Committee of the Whole (CoW).

Commers discussed balancing act between work to be done and implementation. He liked the idea of the CoW being a platform for longer term thinking/issues.

Munt stated she is interested in a convening around the topic of Business Clusters along our existing and emerging transitways - pulling together the work of Greater MSP, Michael Porter from Harvard, and Lee Munich from the UofM. She suggested having this be a joint effort between CD and the TOD office. Cunningham loved this idea.

Cunningham discussed the chart format to map milestones along the way similar to what is used in Management Committee and felt it would be helpful in this process.

2. Overview of the amendment to the *2040 Housing Policy Plan (HPP)* – Regional Policy and Research Manager Libby Starling gave a presentation giving an overview of an amendment to the 2040 HPP as outlined in the materials provided. She discussed the three workgroups meeting to come up with recommendation for amendments to the HPP and they include:
 - Housing Performance Scores Workgroup
 - Allocation of Affordable Housing Need Workgroup
 - Comprehensive Plan Review Workgroup

Wulff asked if the dates/times of the next workgroup meetings could be shared. Starling stated she can do this for the Committee members but noted that they are intentionally not making these meeting a ‘public process’ at this point.

Elkins asked for further clarification in the LPH with rendering city’s zoning consistent with what their requirements are.

Munt asked staff for a copy of the PowerPoint shown today.

Starling discussed the next steps for the HPP and asked what staff can do for positive movement at the March 16 CDC meeting noting the strict timeline. Cunningham responded that having the document well in advance to provide feedback is important and would like a conversation prior to the 3/16/15 meeting to discuss it further. Reetz suggested meeting on 3/2/15 solely to discuss the HPP.

3. 2015 Work Plan for Climate Change Initiative – Local Planning Assistance Manager Lisa Barajas presented on the 2015 work plan as outlined in the materials provided.

Wulff asked about Green Step Cities and how they are funded. She noted she is okay with a partnership/collaboration but does not want the Metropolitan Council to become a funding source.

Commers referred to the temperature monitoring map and asked if we have carbon emission mapping. He noted he would like to see something along these lines worked into our work plan. Barajas noted that this has been a part of the conversation so far and will also talk to transportation staff about this.

Commers discussed System Statements (SS) and the goal of Thrive to address climate change and asked how we measure meeting that goal. Wulff pointed out that climate change is not a 'system' therefore we cannot withhold approval of a comprehensive plan. Barajas agreed but discussed the possible 'carrots' that could be withheld if a community does not comply.

4. Livable Communities 2014 Work Group Summary and Discussion of 2015 Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan – Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns gave a preview and summary of last year's LCA work group as outlined in the materials provided.

Wulff shared concern about the LHIA preference related to accessible units and asked what happens when development is outside of Metro-mobility service area. Staff noted this is an interesting point and will take a look at this.

Wulff discussed more funding for LHIA and noted she feels we could take more from the general fund.

Cunningham thanked Metro Cities and their staff for their work with the Met Council in this process.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Sandi Dingle
Recording Secretary