

## Minutes of the

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, April 1, 2019

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

**Committee Members Absent:**

**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, April 1, 2019.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

#### INFORMATION

1. Livable Communities Overview – Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns presented background information on the Metropolitan Livable Communities Programs, Metropolitan Livable Communities Act and each account under the act; Tax Base Revitalization Account, Local Housing Incentives Account, Livable Communities Demonstration Account, Transit-Oriented Development, Statutory guidelines for each account, 2019 Livable Communities funding, Livable Communities annual calendar, program results, grant awards and project highlights, and feedback received from communities.

#### BUSINESS

**2019-63** Saint Paul Port Authority Request for a Project Change to the Tax Base Revitalization Account Grant, Major League Soccer Stadium Complex SG-04703

Senior Planner Marcus Martin presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Cummings, That the Community Development Committee:

- (1) approve a grant amendment changing the project site area, reducing the expected amount of commercial space and associated tax base and jobs, revising the scope of work, and extending the grant term by two years for the Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) grant agreement SG-04703 Major League Soccer Stadium Complex awarded to the Saint Paul Port Authority; and
- (2) authorize its Community Development Division Director to amend the grant agreement on behalf of the Council.

**Motion carried.**

Committee member questioned the storm water capacity, and Mr. Martin confirmed space has been added. Another Committee member inquired about expected job forecast, Mr. Martin responded the relocation of planned commercial space contributed to a small net change in retail jobs.

**2019-60 JT City of Newport 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Review File No. 21915-1**

Local Planning Assistance Manager Angela Torres presented the business item to the Community Development Committee

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wulff, 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 Newport to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Revise the Community Designation for the City from Urban to Suburban in *Thrive MSP 2040*.
3. Advise the City to:
  - a. Send the date that the City adopts its Local Water Management Plan to the Council.
  - b. Adopt the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area component of their 2040 Comprehensive Plan within 60 days after receiving final approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and submit a copy of the final adopted plan and evidence of adoption to the DNR, Council, and National Park Service within ten days after the adoption.
  - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation, Surface Water Management, Land Use, and Housing.

**Motion carried.**

Several Committee members asked for clarifications on the process of determining and changing Community Designations, the impacts of a change, how a community initiates a change, and which Council committees review changes. Ms. Barajas and Ms. Torres responded with a discussion of the analysis used to determine Community Designations, the engagement of communities throughout development of *Thrive MSP 2040*, and local drivers that may initiate a change to the designation, which is not uncommon as part of the Plan review process. Ms. Torres explained that the impact of the change is largely related to the density requirements. Ms. Barajas added that forecasted growth and the allocation of affordable housing need do not change with the Designation change. Ms. Torres stated that communities typically make the request through their 2040 Plan review process or have previously made the request prior to the adoption of *Thrive*. The Community Development Committee is the only committee that reviews all Plans although the Environment Committee also reviews Plans for communities that have a wastewater treatment system.

Committee member requested background on the adoption of the Minnesota River Critical Corridor Area (MRCCA). Ms. Torres clarified that the Council coordinates review of some plan components with other state agencies. The Department of Natural Resources approves the MRCCA plan component of the comprehensive plan. The Council considers the Plan complete after the DNR's approval. The Plan can then move forward through the Council's review process.

Committee member asked about comments from neighboring communities on the Community Designation change. Ms. Torres responded explaining the affected jurisdiction review process in general and that the City's Plan didn't include comments from neighboring communities objecting to the Community Designation change. Objections would be included in the staff report if known.

## **INFORMATION**

Council Roles in Housing – Community Development Deputy Director Libby Starling provided an introduction to the Council’s housing policy presenting information on: what is “affordable” housing, understanding the housing ecosystem, Council roles in housing policy, the 2040 Housing Policy Plan, review of local comprehensive plans, Livable Communities funding, providing incentives for housing performance, providing technical assistance and moral support to local governments and expanding the regional housing dialogue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Michele Wenner  
Recording Secretary