

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, August 16, 2021

Committee Members Present: Chamblis, Cummings, Johnson, Lee, Lilligren, Lindstrom, Vento, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Atlas-Ingebretson, Muse

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, August 16, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS

2021-214 Public Hearing – Annual Public Housing Agency Plan (Stephanie Paulson 651-602-1584)

Three people testified virtually at the public hearing:

Lee Blons – CEO/President Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative

Ms. Blons request the plan be amended by committing PBD for 2022, which is the role of the annual plan, and engage in conversations from non-profits, mayors, and Resident's Councils.

Ms. Blons commented on the role of the Council to guide overall development while working with all municipalities towards common goals, and suggest new systems are needed.

Theresa Dolata – Catholic Charities

Ms. Dolata described her current experiences with housing expense, limited choices, and being on the waiting list. Ms. Dolata urges to make more Project Based Vouchers available through 2022.

Dayna Kennedy – Unity Church

Ms. Kennedy commented on her personal housing experience and the importance of living in the same home to build new lives in new communities and stop families from moving around from one disgusting apartment after another.

BUSINESS - Consent

2021-208 City of Waconia Waterford Additions Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22018-7 (Raya Esmaeili 651-602-1616)

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

1. Authorize the City of Waconia to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's community-wide forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts.

Motion carried.

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

2021-215 Housing Trust Fund Program – Grant Renewal Board Resolution No 2021-27 (Stephanie Paulson 651-602-1548)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Cummings, hat the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-27 as required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to execute a grant agreement for the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program renewal funding of \$609,000. **Motion carried.**

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

BUSINESS – Non-Consent

2021-206 Bruce Vento Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment, Ramsey County

Planning Analyst Colin Kelly presented the Business Item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Johnson, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Ramsey County's Bruce Vento Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment.
2. Inform Ramsey County that, when Segment 4 alignments have been finalized, it must submit a future master plan amendment to update regional trail boundaries and acquisition costs.
3. Require Ramsey County, prior to initiating any new development of the regional trail corridor, to send preliminary plans to the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division Assistant Manager.

Motion carried.

Council Member Chamblis inquired about users, if the current and future estimated number of black, indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) visitors of the Vento Trail was known. Kelly responded that the master plan amendment does not include that specific level of detail, but it provides more general estimates of future trail use in the Demand Forecast section. Chamblis encouraged regional park implementing agencies to assess the demographics of existing trail users in future planning processes.

Vento abstained from voting.

2021-212 City of Farmington Vita Attiva Development Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22086-5

Planning Analyst Patrick Boylan presented the Business Item to the Community Development Committee.

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

1. Authorize the City of Farmington to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Find that the amendment renders the City's comprehensive plan inconsistent with the Council's housing policy, and that the City is therefore considered "not in good standing" for the purposes of the Livable Communities Act (LCA) programs.
4. Advise the City
 - a. To be consistent with Council housing policy, the City needs to reguide additional acres expected to develop in the 2021-2030 decade to a land use with a minimum density of 12 units per acre or raise the minimum density of an existing land use to 12 units per acre to accommodate a minimum of 128 additional units.
 - b. To implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for parks, wastewater, forecasts, housing, and natural resources.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion.

INFORMATION

1. none

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary