

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, February 4, 2019

Committee Members Present: Barber, Chavez, Dorfman, Kramer, Munt, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Commers, Cunningham

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Vice Chair Munt called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2019.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Chavez, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

2019-29 City of Rosemount UMore/Vermillion Crossing Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20584-16

Planning Analyst Patrick Boylan presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

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

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Rosemount to place the UMore/Vermillion Crossing Comprehensive Plan Amendment (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 wastewater, transportation, forecasts, and housing.

Kim Lindquist, Rosemount Community Development Director, addressed the committee and expressed the City's excitement to finally start developing UMore Park. Council member Dorfman asked about affordability in the UMore/Vermillion Crossing amendment area. Lindquist replied that the developer has an approved concept plan that shows 45-foot and 50-foot wide lots with the idea that smaller lots will mean lower unit prices for homeownership.

Motion carried.

2019-31 City of Edina Office Residential (OR) District Density Amendment (7200/7250 France), Review File 20413-17

Senior Planner Michael Larson presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Dorfman, seconded by Barber, that the Metropolitan Council:



1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Edina to place the Office Residential (OR) District Density Amendment (7200/7250 France) 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 Forecasts and Housing.

No representatives from the City of Edina were in attendance. The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion.

Motion carried.

2019-32 City of Woodbury Preserve at City Place Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 20607-9

Planning Analyst Patrick Boylan presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chavez, seconded by Barber, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Woodbury to place the Preserve at City Place Comprehensive Plan Amendment (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 Forecasts (TAZ Allocations), Natural Resources, and Housing.

No representatives from the City were in attendance. The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion.

Motion carried.

2019-33 2019 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan

Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns presented the business item to the Community Development Committee

It was moved by Chavez, seconded by Barber, that the Metropolitan Council:

Approve the 2019 Annual Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan and direct staff to include an increase in the authorized budget in an upcoming Council budget amendment to fully fund the proposed Fund Distribution Plan.

One committee member had a question about community input and the extent of changes shown in the redline version of the Plan. Mr. Burns explained what community contacts were made, and that the changes shown were responding to direction from the committee and the community input.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Affordable Housing Production in the Twin Cities: Trends in Production and Policy Responses Senior Research Krysten Ryba-Tures and Housing Analyst Tara Beard presented the information item to the Community Development Committee.

Community Development's Research Team published a MetroStats report based on the Council's tracking of new affordable housing added in the seven-county Twin Cities region in 2017. The 2017 affordable housing production data will be available for download on the Council's website on February 4. Under Minn. Stat. 473.254, the Metropolitan Council is responsible for preparing a "comprehensive report card on affordable and life-cycle housing in each municipality in the metropolitan area." The Council fulfills this responsibility by conducting an annual survey of local governments regarding new affordable housing. The Council supplements the information submitted by local governments with data collected by HousingLink

on affordable rental housing and the initial sales prices of new owner-occupied housing listed in county parcel data and real estate listings. According to statute, the Council's data on new affordable housing must "include information on government, nonprofit, and marketplace efforts" and capture all new housing that meets the Council's affordability thresholds, including units added without public subsidy or income restrictions.

The new report and Committee presentation contains information on:

- the location and characteristics of the region's newly added affordable units in 2017;
- an updated "big picture" of affordable housing demand across the region;
- whether new affordable rental production offsets losses of naturally occurring affordable housing
- how the region's cities and townships are responding to affordable housing demands;
- which key strategies of Council's Housing Policy Plan are bearing fruit four years following its adoption.

Council member Wulff questioned what is included when determining a recipient or family cash income; other sources, medical assistance benefits? She also requested more information on the burden of property taxes on very low-income senior homeowners. Ms. Ryba-Tures responded should would provide some additional information.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary