

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

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

Committee Members Absent: Lindstrom

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 Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Atlas-Ingebretson, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS

CONSENT

2021-18 City of St. Louis Park Historic Walker Lake District / Mixed Use Comprehensive Plan Amendment

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lee, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of St. Louis Park to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Revise the City's forecasts upward as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.

Motion carried.

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

NON-CONSENT

2021-1 Rice Creek North Regional Trail Master Plan Amendment, Ramsey County Planner Tracey Kinney presented the Business Item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Lee, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Ramsey County Rice Creek North Regional Trail Master Plan without the proposed boundary adjustment and proposed acquisitions.
2. Advise Ramsey County that the proposed boundary adjustment and associated 2,407.24-acre acquisition should be submitted to the Metropolitan Council as a system additions request in the next Regional Parks Policy Plan update, currently estimated for 2024.
3. Require that Ramsey County, prior to initiating any new development of the regional trail corridor, send preliminary plans to the Environmental Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division.
4. Advise the County to implement the advisory comments regarding Transportation as described in this report.

Motion carried.

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

2021-2 Regional Parks System Competitive Equity Grant Program, 2021 Notice of Funding Availability Senior Planner Jessica Lee presented the Business Item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Atlas-Ingebretson, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2021 Regional Parks System Competitive Equity Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability attached to this report.

Motion carried.

Council member Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson expressed concern around the idea that proposals might only address one equity area, such as "age", and asked if there could be a scenario in which no racial equity projects are funded. Ms. Lee responded that while the Notice of Funding Availability only requires one of *Thrive's* equity focus areas to be targeted, projects that are likely to score higher and be recommended for funding will address multiple equity focus areas. Ultimately, it will be up to the review committee to score the projects and determine their priorities for recommended projects. In addition, the Regional Park Implementing Agencies are receiving guidance encouraging them to develop proposals that address multiple equity focus areas. Council member Judy Johnson encouraged staff to work with Agencies as they develop their proposals to help ensure that their applications are complete and meet the goals of the Equity Grant Program.

INFORMATION

1. 2021 Livable Communities Act Program Criteria Discussion

LCA Manager Tara Beard solicited feedback from the Community Development Committee the program criteria, and options. Committee members discussed the need for clearly defined goals and follow up to help prioritize and reducing barriers. Suggested input and engagement, strategies to solve systemic racism. Address all disparities and unintentional consequences. Committee members discussed the changes in the scoring criteria and language regarding projects not meeting all the requirements.

Discussion to be continued at the February 1, 2021 Community Development Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary