

# Minutes

Community Development Committee



**Meeting Date:** November 21, 2022

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Steet

## Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Robert Lilligren, D7  | <input type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Susan Vento, D11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Molly Cummings, District 5             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abdirahman Muse, District 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16     |
|  |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present                    |

## Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:05 p.m.

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Muse to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Consent Business

1. **2022-314** City of Rosemount Akron 42 Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 22286-8 (Patrick Boylan 651 602-1438)

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

1. Authorize the City to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Adopt the revised forecasts as detailed in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Adopt the revised sewer-serviced forecasts as described in Table 2 of the Review Record.
4. Revise the City's affordable housing need allocation for 2021-2030 to 957 units.
5. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater, Transit, and Forecasts.

## Motion carried.

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

## Non-Consent Business

1. **2022-280 JT:** 2022 Budget Amendment – 4th Quarter (Nick Hendrikson 651-602-1340)  
It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Vento that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2022 Unified Budget amendment as indicated, and in accordance with, the attached tables.

**Motion carried.**

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

## Information

1. Community Designations (Raya Esmaeili 651-602-1616)  
27 responses received:  
7 suggestions for designation changes  
Most designations seem accurate  
Importance of recognizing differences within one community  
Need to revisit these designations based on land use policies  
Keeping the process iterative  
Appreciation for engagement and proactive approach  
More consideration in comprehensive planning for smaller Communities
2. Housing Choice Voucher Waitlist Opening Updates (Stephanie Paulson 651-602-1584) The Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) opened its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) waiting list from Wednesday, June 22 through Tuesday, June 28, 2022. The HCV program provides rental assistance to households with very-low incomes.  
During the week-long opening, the Metro HRA received 11,098 applications. Two thousand families were randomly selected for placement onto the HCV waiting list. Council staff plan to provide updates on the 2022 HCV waitlist opening including:
  - Applications
  - Community Outreach and Engagement
  - Random selection
  - Analysis & Updates
3. 2021 Regional Parks System Visitor Study (Darcie Vandegrift 651-602-1669)  
At the CDC meeting, Council staff provided an overview of the study and findings. Topics of the visitor study included demographics and equitable use, activity patterns, visitor satisfaction and suggestions for improvement, information seeking, and new visitor experiences. 88% of visitors reported facilities very good or excellent. There was higher satisfaction in suburbs and slightly lower satisfaction in systems with older facilities. The top suggestion for parks was general maintenance, with “general satisfaction” (no improvements) a close second. The top suggestion for trails was better trail maintenance.  
The survey detailed visitation demographics by race/ethnicity, age, gender, and disability. Disparities exist in trail visitation for Black, Latino, and Asian American communities, visitors under age 35, and women. Park visitation disparities exist for all communities of color and visitors under age 25. Visitors enjoy a number of activities on parks and trails, with the top activities being hiking/walking, cycling, relaxing, dog walking, and observing nature. Activity pattern differences among social identities were discussed.  
Throughout the summer, implementing agency staff participated in workshops to review and comment on the operations implications of the data. After reviewing findings on visitor suggestions, satisfaction, activity patterns and demographic information, implementing agency staff made early recommendations. They want to deepen and expand efforts to foster equity in the regional system. They discussed the need for increased funding to maintain needed amenities valued by the public. They see value in increased investments in Council research to provide data for policy and operations decisions.



## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Community Development Committee meeting of November 23, 2022.

Approved this 5 day of December 2022.

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