

**Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Monday, June 17, 2013

Committee Members Present: Cunningham, Chávez, Elkins, Munt, Rummel, Smith

Committee Members Absent: Wulff, Commers, Kramer

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Cunningham called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2013 in the Chambers of the Maple Grove Government Center in Maple Grove, Minnesota.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Rummel to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2013-176 Request for Reimbursement Consideration for Dakota County Regional Park and Trails Projects

Planning Analyst Jan Youngquist presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Rummel, that That the Metropolitan Council consider reimbursing Dakota County up to \$6,303,480 from its share of future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Programs for the following projects:

1. Whitetail Woods Regional Park construction \$5,453,480

Site grading, access drive, parking lot, play area, trails, sledding hill, site furnishings, utilities, landscaping, signage, picnic shelter, restroom building, camper cabins and associated phase 1 improvements.

2. Mississippi River Regional Trail-trailhead construction \$450,000

Parking lot, bathroom building, utilities, signs, landscaping, trails, site furnishings and miscellaneous site amenities to serve the regional trail at Swing Bridge Park in Inver Grove Heights.

3. Mississippi River Regional Trail -Spring Lake Park engineering \$400,000

Design and engineering for regional trail from Schaars Bluff picnic area to the western park boundary. However, the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement. **Motion carried.**

Chair Cunningham inquired why the action states that the Council will *consider* reimbursing Dakota County in a future capital improvement program (CIP). Jan Youngquist, Planning Analyst, indicated that typically projects are funded through the regional parks CIP and then the park implementing agency undertakes the work. Sometimes the timing of a project does not correspond to the Council's CIP, however. In these cases, agencies request Council approval of a project prior to commencing the work and that the Council consider reimbursing them for their expenditures in a future regional parks CIP.

2013-177 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park (Premier Banks parcel), Scott County

Senior Planner Tori Dupre presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Smith, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$983,489 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Account to Scott County to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire the 148-acre Premier Bank parcel for the Doyle-Kennefick Regional Park. The grant should be financed with:
 - \$590,093 from the 2012 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation
 - \$393,396 from Metropolitan Council bonds
2. Consider reimbursing Scott County up to \$327,830, its 25% match, from the County's share of a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program. However, the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement. **Motion carried.**

The committee had no questions.

2013-178 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Spring Lake Park Reserve (Reis Parcel), Dakota County

Senior Planner Tori Dupre presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

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

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$379,106 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire the 56.3-acre Reis parcel for the Spring Lake Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:
 - \$227,464 from the FY 2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation
 - \$151,642 from Metropolitan Council bonds
2. Consider reimbursing Dakota County up to \$126,369, its share of the acquisition costs, from the County share of a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program. However, the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that reimbursement will be granted, and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement. **Motion carried.**

Chair Cunningham inquired about the property boundary extending into Spring Lake. Arne Stefferud, Regional Parks and Natural Resources Manager explained that the property was once above water and farmed, but was flooded when Lock and Dam #2 was constructed on the Mississippi River. Committee Member Chávez asked about the property in relation to Schaar's Bluff, and staff indicated that this property is located directly below, at the base of the bluff.

2013-179 Approval of the City of Eagan Holden Property Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20606-9

Planning Analyst Patrick Boylan presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Eagan to put the Holden Property comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

Motion carried.

There were no questions from the Committee.

2013-181 LCA Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Grant Recommendations
 Senior Planner Marcus Martin presented the report to the Community Development Committee.
 It was moved by Munt, seconded by Chávez, that the Metropolitan Council:

(1) award 10 Tax Base Revitalization Account grants as recommended below; and (2) authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Projects recommended for May 2013 TBRA funding cycle:	Recommended amount
Contamination Site Investigation	
Minneapolis - Thorp Building	\$24,300
Ramsey - Old Municipal Center	\$14,800
Contamination Cleanup	
Edina - Pentagon Park North Phase II	\$535,100
Minneapolis - Praxis Marketplace	\$179,300
Minneapolis - Shapco Printing	\$487,400
Minneapolis - Velo Flats	\$108,200
New Hope - Winnetka Learning Center	\$200,000
Saint Paul - 324 Johnson	\$719,400
Saint Paul - Hamm's	\$124,600
Saint Paul - Old Home Plaza	\$106,900
TOTAL	\$2,500,000

Motion carried.

Questions were asked about the total number of funding cycles in 2013, process for determining the eligible grant request amount, and whether applicants that are not recommended for funding could reapply in the future.

INFORMATION

1. Regional Housing Policy Plan Update

Housing Analyst James Lehnhoff presented an update on the Regional Housing Policy Plan.

2. Corridors of Opportunity update

Corridors of Opportunity Manager Allison Bell and Ellen Shelton from Wilder Research presented an update on the Corridors of Opportunity.

3. Presentation from the City of Maple Grove

Maple Grove City Administrator Al Madsen presented a report on some long term projects in Maple Grove; a 100 unit apartment complex, a Central Park.



ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cunningham thanked the Maple Grove staff for the presentation and the use of their Chambers for this Community Development Committee meeting.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary