Metropolitan Council

Minutes

Land Use Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: July 21, 2022	Time : 4:00 PM	Location: 390 Robert Steet
Members Present:		
□ Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16	⊠ Kathi Hemken, District 6	⊠ Steve Morris, District 12
	□ Vacant, District 7	☐ Trista MatasCastillo, District 13
☐ Jonathan Bottema, District 1		☐ Mitra Jalali, District 14
☐ April Graves, District 2	☐ Jennifer Geisler, District 9	
☐ Mark Nelson, District 3		✓ Karl Drotning, District 16
⊠ Gerald Bruner, District 4 Carver	☑ Phil Klein, District 11	⊠ = present
⋈ Kathi Mocol, District 4 Scott	I B I III Roll, District I	= present
☐ Suado Abdi, District 5		

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Wulff called the regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee to order at 4:02 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Committee Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. The July 21, 2022 agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Klein, seconded by Bruner to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022 regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee. **Motion carried**.

It was moved by Bruner, seconded by Klein to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022 regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee. **Motion carried**.

It was moved by Mocol, seconded by Drotning to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022 regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee. **Motion carried**.

Information

 Community Designations (Raya Esmaeili, Local Planning Assistance and Paul Hanson, Research)

Esmaeili gave a presentation on the Community Designations project as outlined in the materials provided.

Klein asked, what is the overall goal and expected outcomes? Esmaeili stated the goal is to look at policies as they relate to community designations so we can recognize differences in communities. She discussed outcomes being efficient use of policies to help inform development.

Roe referred to year built, intersection density maps on page 5 of the report and stated he prefers residential density. Morris agreed with the exception of communities with significant undeveloped land. Roe clarified residential density refers to how land is guided in their

comprehensive plan.

Mocol stated density is more important to Shakopee.

Droste stated density makes the most sense and discussed the market and how it is changing.

Next the group discussed land temperature variables.

Morris cautioned the large loss of ash trees is affecting the canopy in communities.

Bruner stated he thinks the emphasis needs to be on land temperature.

Keller asked about solar fields and how they may skew land temperatures. Lisa Barajas, Community Development Director discussed community-wide average temperatures and also how temperatures drop off in rural areas or around regional parks, etc. Wulff discussed the amount solar fields in rural area that show up as industrial land use.

Discussed areas outside the MUSA and precent of prime agricultural soils. The question is, is there concern about changing rural policy significantly?

Wulff discussed preservation of ag preserve lands.

Droste asked what the goal of the Council is. Barajas stated it is to preserve agricultural land.

Discussed long-term service areas.

Esmaeili discussed next steps.

2. 2050 Regional Development Guide: Values, Vision and Goals (Michael Larson Local Planning Assistance)

Larson discussed the vision, values, and goals process for the 2050 Regional Development Guide as outlined in the materials provided. He reviewed the four questions (on page 7 of the materials provided) to gather feedback from LUAC.

Drotning discussed public investments and stated that feels good but thinks it's a fact of life that affordable housing will be a challenge.

Roe discussed having a sense of community.

The group discussed their sense of places and the development. They then discussed development and redevelopment to preserve and restore natural systems.

Drotning stated this is what they do now. Wulff added that it is 'baked' into the culture now.

Roe agreed and stated it's built into their comprehensive plans.

The group discussed challenges and bureaucracy.

Morris discussed the challenge of drinking water in east metro where drinking water is contaminated.

The group discussed transportation and mobility challenges being overcome if they don't have a car.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Land Use Advisory Committee meeting of July 21, 2022.

Approved this 15 day of September 2022.

Council Contact: