Minutes of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, April 6, 2015

Committee Members Present: Cunningham, Commers, Dorfman, Elkins, Kramer, Letofsky, Munt, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Chávez

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER
A quorum being present, Committee Chair Cunningham called the special meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015 and thanked the city staff of Cottage Grove for hosting the Community Development Committee in their city hall Chambers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES
It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Elkins to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS - Consent

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

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Golden Valley to place the Liberty Crossing comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement advisory comments on Transit and Wastewater.

Motion carried.

2015-72 City of Brooklyn Park North Park Business Center Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20463-9

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

1. Allow the City of Brooklyn Park to place the North Park Business Center Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Revise the City's official forecasts as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.

Motion carried.
Council Member Wulff commented to keep in mind repurposing land and underutilized properties and adjust to the market.

**BUSINESS – Non-Consent**

*2015-65 Authorization to Amend the 2015 Unified Budget: First Quarter Amendment*

Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the business item report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Elkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the amendment of the 2015 Unified Budget as indicated and in accordance with this memorandum and the attached table. **Motion carried.** The Community Development Committee had no questions.

**INFORMATION**

1. **Metro HRA Software Changes and Waiting List Opening Update** – HRA Manager Terri Smith presented the information item to the Community Development Committee. A question was asked regarding privacy within the new software. Ms. Smith responded the data remains private. The Metropolitan Council Information Services worked with HAPPY software vendor to ensure privacy. Another question was regarding communication to applicants on the waiting list. Ms. Smith explained the annual purge process, and requests emailed to applicant requesting an update of information.

2. **2015 System Statements** - Local Planning Assistance Manager Lisa Barajas presented the information item to the Community Development Committee. Ms. Barajas explained the review process, and the communications with communities before the final review process.

3. **Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Guide Update** – Local Planning staff Deb Detrick and Michael Larson presented the information item to the Community Development Committee. A question was asked if the TOD guide resolves policy. Mr. Larson responded the TOD will not resolve unresolved policy issues but will articulate policy engagement and roles. Ms. Detrick commented the web-based TOD guide is designed to be updated once policy is developed.

4. **City of Cottage Grove presentation** - Jennifer Levitt, Community Development Director of Cottage Grove and Danette Parr presented an information item regarding development in Cottage Grove, the challenging market demands and land prices.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Michele Wenner

Recording Secretary