

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, July 19, 2021

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

Committee Members Absent: Cummings

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 4:03 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Chamblis to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS - Consent

2021-179 City of Blaine Lexington Meadows Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 21902-4 (Eric Wojchik 651 602-1330)

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

1. Authorize the City of Blaine to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.

Motion carried.

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

2021-180 City of Burnsville Mixed Use Changes Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 21907-4 (Patrick Boylan 651-602-1438)

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

1. Authorize the City of Burnsville to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Revise the population, households, and employment forecasts for the City upward as shown in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Revise the City's affordable housing allocation for the 2021-2030 decade to 384 units.

4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts.
Motion carried.

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

2021-181 City of Waconia 601 Industrial Boulevard West Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22018-6 (Raya Esmaeili 651-602-1616)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Johnson, the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Waconia to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts.

Motion carried.

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

2021-182 City of Farmington Dakota Meadows Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22086-3 (Jerome Benner II 651-602-1494)

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

1. Authorize the City of Farmington to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.

Motion carried.

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

2021-183 City of Rosemount Rosewood Commons Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22286-3 (Jerome Benner II 651-602-1494)

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

1. Authorize the City of Rosemount to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transit, Forecasts, and Land Use.

Motion carried.

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

2021-185 Amend the 2021 Annual Livable Communities Funding Availability (Tara Beard 651 -602-1051)

It was moved by Vento, seconded by Johnson, that the Metropolitan Council revise the 2021 Annual Livable Communities Act Funding Availability to increase the funding available for the Local Housing Incentives Account by \$4 million.

Motion carried.

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

BUSINESS – Non-Consent

2021-184 JT: City of Lexington 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File 22410-1

Senior Planner Jake Reilly presented the Business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Lexington to place its 2040 Comprehensive Plan into effect.
2. Advise the City to:
 - a. Provide to the Council the date the Watershed District approved the local water management plan, and the date the City adopted the final local water management plan when they are available.
 - b. Provide the Council with a copy of the final adopted local water management plan that will be included in the final Plan document that the City adopts.
 - c. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for transportation and forecasts.

Motion carried.

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

2021-163 Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park Master Plan Amendment, Ramsey County
Planning Analyst Colin Kelly presented the Business Item to the Community Development Committee
It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Vento, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve Ramsey County's Vadnais-Snail Lake Regional Park Master Plan Amendment.
2. Require Ramsey County, prior to initiating any development of the regional park, to send preliminary plans to the Environmental Services Assistant Manager at the Metropolitan Council's Environmental Services Division.

Motion carried.

Council Member Lindstrom asked whether boardwalks will be used all the way around Grass Lake. Kelly responded that boardwalks would connect the east and west trails along the southern park boundary, and that some additional boardwalks will connect natural surface trails on the west side of the lake.

2021-143 2021 Unified Budget Amendment – 2nd Quarter

Finance Director Heather Aagesen-Huebner presented the Business Item to the Community Development Committee

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Johnson, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2021 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 or discussion.

INFORMATION

1. Metro HRA Mobility Demonstration Program - HRA Director Terri Smith and HRA Manager Stephanie Paulson presented the Information Item to the Community Development Committee.

Ms. Smith and Ms. Paulson provided an overview of the recently awarded Mobility Demonstration, what it involves, and related timelines.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) and the Metropolitan Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) \$5.2 million under the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration. The Demonstration builds on recent research that shows growing up in neighborhoods with lower levels of poverty improves children's academic achievement and long-term chances of success.

The program will support Metro HRA and MPHA in addressing barriers to increasing housing choices by offering mobility-related supports. The program will also include a rigorous, independent evaluation to determine which supports are most effective in helping families achieve success. In addition to the program funding, each agency was awarded 74 new vouchers to support the effort.

The MPHA is the lead applicant and Metro HRA will act as the program administrator. This will include hiring a team of mobility program staff, operating the program, and relying on its existing voucher mobility experience to provide services for voucher families with children, including:

- Landlord Recruitment
- Pre-Move Counseling
- Housing Search Assistance
- Post-Move Counseling

In addition to offering mobility-related services, the agencies will work together to adopt administrative policies that enable housing mobility, increase landlord participation, and reduce barriers for families to move across jurisdictions. The program will assist voucher holders in moving to an area of their choice which often includes, but is not limited to, areas where families with vouchers have been historically excluded.

HUD awarded a total of \$45.7 million to nine lead public housing authorities. The program will provide more than 10,000 families with children better access to low-low-poverty neighborhoods with high-performing schools and other strong community resources.

The Demonstration will run for a 6-year period ending October 2028. The first year is a planning year that will include program design, weekly meetings with HUD technical assistance team, hiring mobility team staff, collaboration with other Demonstration agencies, and community and resident engagement.

Council Members expressed their congratulations on receiving the award, and inquired about connections with non-profits, and what happens after the expiration of the 6-year program.

Ms. Smith and Ms. Paulson confirmed connections to non-profits via the HRA Outreach team, for example Neighborhood House. Also, families will keep their vouchers, but the support services will end when the program expires. HUD will provide a report for measuring performance/impact of the Mobility Demonstration program.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary