

Minutes of the

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, June 18, 2018

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

Committee Members Absent:

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Commers called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2018.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Munt to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

Chair Commers honored Catherine Zimmer's request to speak to the Community Development Committee. She spoke on behalf of Women Observing Wildlife MN advocating connecting to wildlife and reducing the impact on habitat.

BUSINESS

2018-160 Livable Communities Act Tax Base Revitalization Account Grant Recommendations

Senior Planner Marcus Martin presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Munt, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Award 16 Tax Base Revitalization Account grants as shown below.
2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council:

Recommended Projects - SEED	Recommended amount
Hopkins – Cold Storage	\$805,700
Minneapolis – 2 nd and Van White	\$49,300
Minneapolis – Impound West	\$44,700
Saint Paul – 617 Stryker	\$22,400
Recommended Projects - Contamination Investigation	Recommended amount
Minneapolis – Checkerboard	\$50,000

Saint Paul – 7 th & Bush	\$30,700
Hastings – Riverfront Addition	\$23,700
Dakota County CDA – Valley Ridge	\$29,800
Recommended Projects - Contamination Cleanup	Recommended amount
Saint Paul – Ain Dah Yung Supportive Housing	\$47,200
Minneapolis – West Broadway Curve 2	\$206,300
Minneapolis – Superior Plating (former) Phase 2	\$880,000
Minneapolis – Sons of Norway	\$410,100
Minneapolis – 12 th Street Tower	\$150,800
Maple Grove – 13250 Grove Drive	\$36,400
Saint Paul – Snelling and St Clair	\$150,000
Saint Paul Port Authority – Minnesota Chemical	\$328,200
TOTAL Recommended (All Grant Categories)	\$3,265,300
Total Available	\$3,582,400
Total Remaining	\$317,100

Motion carried.

Members of the Committee asked for more information on the eligibility of the Bloomington application, how the TBRA program evaluates affordable housing, whether cities submit a list of priorities by project and what communication we have with applicants that are not recommended for funding. Committee members expressed support for the Cold Storage and Superior Plating redevelopments, in particular. Martin responded that the total cleanup costs for the Bloomington Central Station Multifamily project did not meet our minimum cost criterion of over 1% of the total development costs. He also noted that affordable housing is defined as units that are affordable to household earning 80% of the area median income or less and make up 25 out of the 150 points in the evaluation criteria. In response to the third question, Martin stated that cities do not submit a list of priority by project, but staff do receive a resolution of support for each application. He also explained that applicants are invited to discuss the staff recommendation prior to presentation to the Community development committee and again in the period before the next funding cycle in November.

2018-161 City of Eagan Senior Living Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20606-29

Senior Planner Raya Esmaeili presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Chavez, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Eagan to place the Senior Living Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) 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 Housing and Transit.

Motion carried.

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

2018-163 Regional Parks Capital Grant Agreement Authorizations

Director of CD/MTS Finance and Administration Heather Aagesen Huebner presented the business item to the Community Development Committee

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

authorizes the Regional Administrator or their designee to execute 7 grant agreements totaling \$21,375,637 with the Regional Park Implementing Agencies as indicated and in accordance with the attached table.

Motion carried.

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

2018-136 Highway 5 Regional Trail Master Plan, Carver County, Review File No. 50208-1

Senior Planner Raya Esmaeili presented the business item to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Munt, seconded by Barber, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Highway 5 Regional Trail Master Plan.
2. Require that Carver County, prior to initiating development of the regional trail, send preliminary plans to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineering Manager at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.

Motion carried.

Council Member Barber asked about the process of developing an agreement with the University of Minnesota Board of Regents for the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum portion of the trail. Esmaeili responded that Carver County is working closely with the University to develop a memorandum of understanding (MOU), working toward a potential joint powers agreement. The 2040 Regional Parks Policy Plan encourages park implementing agencies to establish joint powers agreements for acquisition and operations of regional trails.

2018-137 Request for Future Reimbursement for Five Projects from Dakota County

Senior Parks Finance Planner Deb Jensen presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

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

1. Approve future reimbursement consideration for the five capital projects listed in Table 1 for Dakota County Regional Parks and Trails; and
2. Inform Dakota County that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that future reimbursement will be granted and expenditure of local funds never entitles a Regional Park Implementing Agency to reimbursement.

Motion carried.

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

2018-138 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Spring Lake Park Reserve, Sorg Trust II, Dakota County

Senior Parks Finance Planner Deb Jensen presented the business item to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve a grant of up to \$1,594,630 to Dakota County to acquire the Sorg Trust parcels along Hillary Path in Nininger Township for Spring Lake Park Reserve;
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the grant agreement and restrictive covenant on behalf of the Council;
3. Consider reimbursing Dakota County for up to \$1,750,553 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program for costs associated with the Sorg Trust acquisition; and
4. Inform Dakota County that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that future reimbursement will be granted and expenditure of local funds never entitles a park agency to reimbursement.

Motion carried.

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

INFORMATION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary