

# Minutes

Community Development Committee



**Meeting Date:** June 20, 2022

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Steet

## Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Robert Lilligren, D7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2   | <input type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Susan Vento, D11           | <input type="checkbox"/> Molly Cummings, District 5             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abdirahman Muse, District 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
|   |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused   |

## Call to Order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

## Agenda Approved

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Wulff to approve the agenda. Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. **Motion carried.**

## Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lee to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Consent Business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 2022-174, 2022-175, 2022-143)

1. **2022-174** City of Blaine Lexington and Main Development Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 21902-8 (Eric Wojchik 651 602-1330)
2. **2022-175** City of Lakeville Authentix Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 22077-10 (Patrick Boylan 651 602-1438)
3. **2022-143** Luce Line, Medicine Lake, Shingle Creek, and Northeast Diagonal LRT Regional Trail Master Plans, Three Rivers Park District (Colin Kelly 651-602-1361; Chee Yang 651-602-1449)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Muse.

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

## Non-Consent Business

1. **2022-144** Annual Metropolitan Regional Parks Operation and Maintenance Allocation

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

That the Metropolitan Council accept the Regional Parks System state fiscal year 2023 operation and maintenance report, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. State Fiscal Year 2023 O&M Distribution Agency Reported Actual 2021 O&M Expenses Estimated Distribution Amount Anoka County \$6,684,803.92 \$863,159.43 Bloomington Parks \$679,345.74 \$96,515.95 Carver County \$1,547,576.01 \$154,631.98 Dakota County \$8,172,431.02 \$610,226.68 Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) \$26,250,050.47 \$2,515,754.75 Ramsey County \$7,548,194.19 \$845,743.08 Saint Paul Parks \$18,500,821.60 \$1,357,366.68 Scott County \$2,018,400.76 \$167,079.54 Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) - Hennepin & Scott \$43,680,775.25 \$2,937,517.43 Washington County \$5,077,548.49 \$442,004.48 TOTAL \$120,159,947.45 \$9,990,000.00 (Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)

Motion carried.

There were no questions from the Committee, however, Councilmember Wulff noted that State law says the Legislature is supposed to cover 40% of the cost for the Regional Parks system and this year’s funding is less than 10% of the cost. Councilmember Wulff also noted the percentage being funded has declined during her tenure on the Council after reaching a high point of 17% earlier in her tenure.

2. **2022-176** Funding Recommendations for 2022 Round One Tax Base Revitalization Account Grants (Marcus Martin 651-602-1054)

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

1. Award 9 Tax Base Revitalization Account grants as shown in Table 1 below.
2. Authorize its Community Development Division Director to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Tax Base Revitalization Account Grant Recommendations

Applicant	Recommended Seeding Equitable Environmental Development Projects	Recommended Amount
Minneapolis	Coliseum	\$72,500
Minneapolis	Native American Community Clinic	\$50,000
Minneapolis	2500 East Lake	\$46,600
Applicant	Recommended Contamination Cleanup Projects	Recommended Amount
Minneapolis	Northrup King Residential	\$527,400
Saint Louis Park EDA	Wooddale Station Redevelopment	\$477,000
Minneapolis	Calvary Apartments	\$678,500
Saint Paul	115 Plato	\$110,100
Saint Louis Park EDA	Wooddale Apartments	\$184,300
Golden Valley	Business Center	\$464,400
<b>Total Recommended (All Grant Categories)</b>		<b>\$2,610,800</b>
Balance		\$139,200



A question was asked about the amount of funding recommended for the Calvary project. The funding recommended is less than the eligible request amount to meet the statutory funding limit of 50 percent to a single city. If a funding gap still exists after the project is bid, a supplemental application request may be submitted. Council staff expect costs in supplemental request to be incurred after a future award unless expressly authorized otherwise by the Council. A related question was raised about the priority of different funding categories (e.g., SEED, Investigation, Metropolitan Cleanup) when applying the funding limits. In this case the city applied to two separate funding categories: SEED and Cleanup. Staff responded that the Council applies the limits to all grants recommended for funding cumulatively. Community Development Director Barajas shared an update on the status of the City of Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan and the potential applicability to the current grant requests. **Motion carried.**

3. **2022-177** Proposed Amendments to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee (LCAC) Bylaws (LisaBeth Barajas 651-602-1895)

It was moved by Muse, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council approve the proposed amendments of the Livable Communities Advisory Committee bylaws as shown in the Attachment.

Motion carried.

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

## Information

1. Land Use Advisory Committee Report (Council Member Wendy Wulff; Deb Detrick 651-602-1327)

The 2022 Community Development Work Plan includes semi-annual reports from the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC). LUAC mainly gives advice and assistance on metropolitan land use, comprehensive planning, and other planning as requested by the Metropolitan Council. Committee members include Council Member Wulff as Chair and 16 members. Eleven members are locally elected officials.

On January 20, 2022, the Committee approved the 2022 Land Use Committee Work Plan, discussed a debrief of the 2040 comprehensive plan review process, and began its work on developing recommendations for community designations for the 2050 Regional Development Guide. At its March 17, 2022 meeting, Committee members discussed 2022 System Statements and continued working on community designations. On May 19, 2022, LUAC provided input on the 2050 Regional Development Guide: Vision, Values, and Goals and on community designations.

2. Tax-Base Sharing in the Metropolitan Area for Taxes Payable in 2022 (Debra Detrick 651-602-1327)

The 2022 Community Development Work Plan includes a report on the Fiscal Disparities Program. Taxing jurisdictions in the metropolitan area share part of the growth in commercial-industrial tax base through a tax-base sharing program known as the Fiscal Disparities Program. The Minnesota Legislature created the program in 1971 with the support of the Metropolitan Council. The program began sharing tax base in 1975.

Tax-base sharing supports goals of the Metropolitan Council. The program improves equity in fiscal resources by reducing large differences in tax base wealth among communities. It supports cost-effective regional wastewater treatment and transportation services by reducing competition for tax base. Tax-base sharing encourages land uses that protect the environment and increase livability but raise little or no revenue, such as regional parks, open space, and low-income housing. The program promotes a regional approach to planning and development.

The program shared nearly \$543 million in tax base for taxes payable in 2022 and almost \$720 million in tax revenue.

A total of 179 communities participate in tax-base sharing. Each year, the Council and the Minnesota Department of Revenue determine eligibility for communities to participate in the program, as required by statute.

### **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Community Development Committee meeting of June 20, 2022.

Approved this 1 day of July 2022.

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