

Minutes of the

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, April 21, 2014

Committee Members Present: Commers, Chávez, Elkins, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Cunningham, Kramer, Munt, Rummel

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Vice-Chair Commers called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2014 in the Richfield City Hall Chambers. Chair Commers thanked the staff of Richfield for hosting this meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Chávez to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2014 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

Consent

2014-85 Anoka County Riverfront Regional Park Master Plan Amendment, Anoka County

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

1. Approve the Anoka County Riverfront Regional Park Master Plan Amendment.
2. Require that prior to initiating development at Anoka County Riverfront Regional Park, preliminary development plans should be sent to Scott Dentz, Interceptor Engineering Manager (651-602-4503) at Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for review in order to assess the potential impacts to the regional interceptor system.
3. Require that once executed, Anoka County should submit to the Metropolitan Council a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement or any subsequent amendments between the County and the City of Fridley that incorporates City-owned land into the regional park boundary and allows the County to operate and maintain the property as regional parkland.

Motion carried.

2014-86 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for the Intercity Regional Trail, Three Rivers Park District

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

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$71,276 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account to Three Rivers Park District to finance up to 75% of the costs to acquire six permanent public railway easements for the Intercity Regional Trail described in Attachment 2. The grant will be financed as follows:

- \$42,766 from the FY2014 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and
- \$28,510 from Metropolitan Council bonds

Three Rivers Park District will match the grant with up to \$23,757, its 25% share of the total acquisition cost.

2. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and accompanying documents including the restrictive covenant.

Motion carried.

2014-87 Amend Scope of Park Grants SG 2012-053 and SG 2013-089, Anoka County

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

1. Approve an amendment to grant agreement SG-2012-053 changing the scope (project description) to add “complete improvements to Rice Creek West Regional Trail/Manomin Park parking lot, entrance drive and sidewalks.”
2. Approve an amendment to grant agreement SG-2013-089 changing the scope (project description) to replace the existing with “complete roof improvements at Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve”.

Motion carried.

Non-Consent

2014-88 Section 8 Project Based Voucher Award Recommendations

Livable Communities Director Beth Reetz presented the report to the Community Development Committee

It was moved by Chavez, seconded by Wulff, That the Metropolitan Council approve the award of 51 Section 8 Project Based Vouchers (PBV) to the following projects and authorize staff to execute necessary documents with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and project owners:

Project Name	City	Number of Units in Project	Number of PBV Units Requested	Target Population
CommonBond, Veterans Affairs Housing	Fort Snelling	58	38	Homeless Veterans
Sherman and Associates, The Villages at Frost-English	Maplewood	55	10	Homeless Veterans
Carver County Community Development Agency, Lake Grace Apartments	Chaska	91	3	Homeless Veterans
Total			51	

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Update on the Housing Policy Plan

Council member Chávez presented an update on the activities of the housing policy plan work group; allocation of affordable housing sub groups, taskforce regarding performance scores, Myron Orfield's presentation.

2. Planning Assistance Fund, Community Development Budget discussion

Guy Peterson, Community Development Division Director and Lisa Barajas, Local Planning Assistance Manager presented a report to the Community Development Committee on the funding for local planning assistance.

1. Affirm the Council's provision of grants to local units of government for the 2018 comprehensive planning process.
2. Direct staff to assess the funding need and to develop eligibility criteria through work with the Land Use Advisory Committee.

3. Land Use Advisory Committee Report – Vice Chair Commers provided an update on the activities of the Land Use Advisory Committee.

In January, the committee's [Agenda](#) focused on land-use policies for implementing *Thrive MSP 2040*:

- [Draft Land Use Strategies for Geographic Planning Areas](#).

Three new members attended their first committee meeting in January. Land-use policies discussed during this meeting were later integrated into the draft of *Thrive MSP 2040 (Thrive)* released in February for public comment.

The committee's [Agenda](#) in March featured draft information for updating two key parts of the *Transportation Policy Plan*:

- Presentation on [Transportation and Land Use - Implementing the Update to the Transportation Policy Plan](#); and
- Presentation on [Transit Market Areas](#).

Members additionally followed up on other topics discussed during earlier meetings. The committee briefly discussed a [Water Supply Planning Progress Report](#) and received further information to encourage [comment on the Thrive draft by April 28](#).

4. City of Richfield

John Stark, Richfield Community Development Director provided information on the positive impact of the Metropolitan Council on the city of Richfield; waste water, intercity trail, and transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary