

Minutes of the

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, October 19, 2015

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

Committee Members Absent: Cunningham

Committee Members Excused:

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Commers called the special meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:05 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Kramer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Dorfman to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

A. Consent

2015-245 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Rice Creek North Regional Trail, TCAAP Property, Ramsey County (Jan Youngquist 651 602-1029)

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

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$1,700,000 to Ramsey County to acquire a 93 acre property for the Rice Creek North Regional Trail. The grant will be financed as follows:
 - \$729,158 from the Fiscal Year 2016 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation, and
 - \$970,842 from Metropolitan Council bonds
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement and the restrictive covenant.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action as part of its consent agenda with no discussion.

2015-246 Release of Restrictive Covenant, Sale of Land, Consent to Easement, and Reimbursement Consideration at Lake Waconia Regional Park, Carver

County (Jan Youngquist 651 602-1029)

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

1. Direct staff to work with Carver County to request approval from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) for the sale of 5.05 acres and for the 1.64-acre access easement to the DNR on land acquired using Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund dollars.
2. Contingent upon approval by the (LCCMR):
 - a. Consent to the sale of 5.17 acres of land by Carver County to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for development of a boat access site at Lake Waconia Regional Park, as described in Attachment A and shown in Attachment B.
 - b. Release the restrictive covenants on the 5.17 acres of land to be sold to the DNR.
 - c. Consent to the 1.64 acre access easement to be granted by Carver County to the DNR as described in Attachment C and shown in Attachment D.
 - d. Require Carver County to reimburse \$13,276 to the Metropolitan Council's Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to account for the sale of 0.12 acres of land acquired with Minnesota Parks and Trails Fund dollars.
 - e. Revise the amount the Council will consider reimbursing Carver County from its share of future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Programs for acquisition of 19.29 acres at Lake Waconia Regional Park to be up to \$1,190,136 in order to account for the sale of 5.17 acres to the DNR.
3. Inform Carver County that the Council does not under any circumstances represent or guarantee that 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 as part of its consent agenda with no discussion.

2015-247 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Lake Elmo Park Reserve, 1446 Lake Elmo Avenue North, Washington County (Tori Dupre 651 602-1621)

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

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$194,479 to reimburse Washington County for acquisition of a 1.1-acre property for Lake Elmo Park Reserve when funds are available in the Parks and Trails Legacy fund account of the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund.
 - The Metropolitan Council's grant finances up to 75 percent of the total acquisition costs from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund (PAOF) using the Fiscal Year 2017 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund account (60 percent) and Metropolitan Council Bonds (40 percent).
 - Washington County will finance at least 25 percent of the total acquisition costs. If the total acquisition costs are higher than estimated, Washington County is responsible for the difference.
2. Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement including the restrictive covenant.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action as part of its consent agenda with no discussion.

2015-248 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant for Above the Falls Regional Park, 1822 Marshall Street NE, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (Tori Dupre 651 602-1621)

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

1. Authorize a grant of up to \$394,680 to reimburse the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for acquisition of a 0.28- acre property for Above the Falls Regional Park when funds are available in the Parks and Trails Legacy fund account of the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund.
 - The Metropolitan Council’s grant finances up to 75 percent of the total acquisition costs from the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund (PAOF) using the Fiscal Year 2017 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund account (60 percent) and Metropolitan Council Bonds (40 percent).
 - Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will finance at least 25 percent of the total acquisition costs. If the total acquisition costs are higher than estimated, the Park Board is responsible for the difference.

Authorize the Community Development Director to sign the grant agreement including the restrictive covenant.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action as part of its consent agenda with no discussion.

2015-249 Approval of amendments changing the scope of work for two Three Rivers Park District grants in Scott County, SG2013-054 and SG2013-055, for Cleary Lake Regional Park (Deb Jensen 651 602-1554)

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

Approve and authorize the Community Development Director to execute amendments to Three Rivers Park District/Scott County grants SG2013-054 and SG2013-055 to add improvements to the visitor center and beach area and create a dog off-leash area in Cleary Lake Regional Park.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action as part of its consent agenda with no discussion.

B. Non-Consent

2015-250 City of Landfall Village Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20781-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan (Michael Larson 651 602-1407)

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

adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the City of Landfall Village to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Advise the City to implement advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts and Transit.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City of Landfall's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Motion carried.

Council member Elkins inquired about the assistance provided to Landfall to complete their comprehensive plan. Michael Larson, Senior Planner, responded that Local Planning Assistance, the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District, and the Washington County HRA provided assistance to the City in various ways. Council member Letofsky inquired about the status of communities completing Comprehensive Plan Updates subsequent to the 2005 System Statements. Mr. Larson responded that the City of Lexington was the sole remaining community to complete a Comprehensive Plan Update.

2015-251 City of Arden Hills Rice Creek Commons (TCAAP) Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20476-1 (LisaBeth Barajas 651 602-1895)

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

1. Adopt the attached Review Record and allow the City of Arden Hills to place the Rice Creek Commons (TCAAP) Comprehensive Plan Amendment into effect.
2. Revise the forecasts for the City of Arden Hills by an increase of +100 households and +600 population for the year 2040 from the previous Council forecasts as shown in Tables 1 and 2 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation.

Motion carried.

Lisa Barajas, Local Planning Assistance Manager, presented the staff's report to the Committee and introduced Ryan Streff, Arden Hills City Planner, who was in attendance. Committee member Dorfman asked whether this was the site that had been considered as a potential home for the Vikings stadium. Barajas indicated that it had been and that the Council had evaluated the site for that potential several years ago. Dorfman asked whether we would anticipate seeing a Livable Communities grants would be applicable to development on the TCAAP site. Barajas responded that the City is encouraged to consider submitting applications as they receive proposals for development. The site has not been put out for proposals yet, but there is great opportunity on the site, especially as it relates to placemaking activities and affordable housing development.

2015-252 Strategic Land Acquisition for Affordable Housing (Beth Reetz 651 602-1060)

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and the Chair to execute a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to provide \$1,000,000 in program support in the form of a grant to the Twin Cities Community Land Bank (Land Bank) to further the Land Bank's work to acquire sites for future affordable housing.

It was moved by Letofsky, seconded by Chavez, the Community Development will provide direction to staff in preparing a statement of principles, restrictions, and performance benchmarks for this pilot project. Once principle guidelines are in place this business item will return to the Community Development Committee.

The Community Development Committee had concerns regarding the investment restrictions, parameters for investments, leverage of public dollars, and defined expectations.

INFORMATION

City of Blaine presentation (Eric Thorvig Economic Competitive Coordinator) – Mr. Thorvig presentation information on the city of Blaine to the Community Development Committee, highlighting local attractions, housing development, transportation centers and future investment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Michele Wenner

Recording Secretary