

Minutes of the

MEETING OF THE LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Phillip Klein, Gerald Bruner, Dan Roe, Chair Wendy Wulff, Noah Keller, Karl Drotning, Kathi Hemken, Jennifer Geisler, Steve Morris, Mark Nelson, Suado Abdi, Trista Matascastillo, Courtney Schroeder, Jonathan Bottema, Kathi Mocol, Mitra Jalali Nelson

Committee Members Absent:

April Graves

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wulff called the WebEx meeting of the Council's Land Use Advisory Committee to order at 4:02 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Wulff asked for a consensus to approve the March 18, 2021 agenda. The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Wulff asked for a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes. It was motioned by Hemken and seconded by Morris to approve the minutes.

Secretary Dingle performed a roll call vote:

Ayes: 14 (Bottema, Drotning, Bruner, Geisler, Hemken, Keller, Klein, Mocol, Morris, Nelson, Jalali, Roe, Courtney, Wulff)

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

The minutes were approved.

BUSINESS

2021 Land Use Advisory Committee Work Plan – Wendy Wulff

Wulff referenced the 2021 Land Use Advisory Committee Work Plan provided in the meeting materials for approval.

It was motioned by Hemken and seconded by Klein to recommend that the Land Use Advisory Committee approve the Committee's 2021 work plan.

Schroeder asked about centering equity in the workplan and asked, what does that actually mean? Wulff stated it's integrated into every presentation. Detrick stated she could send something out that she sends to presenters. Schroeder stated he is comfortable if that is the plan and equity lense.

Detrick stated that centering equity is to build it in and can share more information. She noted we will also look at this and how it is working in May.

Secretary Dingle performed a roll call vote:

Ayes: 16 (Abdi, Bottema, Bruner, Drotning, Geisler, Hemken, Keller, Klein, Matascastillo, Mocol, Morris, Nelson, Jalali, Roe, Schroeder, Wulff)

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion was approved.

INFORMATION

2040 Comprehensive Plan Composite Report – Michael Larson and Angela Torres, Local Planning Assistance

Torres gave a presentation on the initial takeaways on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Composite report. She gave a status update and stated the bulk of the conversation will be centered on land use as outlined in the materials and presentation provided.

Bottema asked about language used. Torres explained authorization of comprehensive plans and approved sewer plans, which are approved because they are a system of the Met Council.

Bottema asked what the difference is between authorized and approved. Lisa Barajas explained that authorization is for local government to adopt their plan. The Council's role is to review for conformance with our system plans and then authorize a local jurisdiction to adopt/approve and put into effect. Sewer plans are approved because they are part of the Met Council's system plans.

Torres continued her presentation reviewing three questions listed in the presentation that help frame additional research.

Larson discussed high-level land use information outlined in the presentation.

Bruner asked if Carver County is the fastest growing county. Larson stated he doesn't have that data but there are many ways of 'doing the math.' Bruner discussed farmland that is being annexed into cities and asked, how long before they're counted? Torres stated they often have orderly annexation agreements, and they will note when they will be part of the city, so those can be planned for by the city. She also discussed annexations of small parcels that become available when a farmer sells.

Morris asked, do we have a percentage of change of non-residential use compared to 2030 plans. Larson stated we do not have a data set for that at this time. He discussed TAZ data sets that we do have that shows where jobs will be.

Drotning discussed annexations and noted that they don't always mean more houses. He stated they recently annexed land for industrial purposes.

Torres discussed housing outlined in the presentation looking at housing trends and themes.

Larson discussed transportation and gave an overview outlined in the presentation.

Bottema stated this type of data would be helpful when doing 2050 Comprehensive Plans. Torres stated that this is their intention.

Torres discussed water resources outlined in the presentation including wastewater, local surface water management, and water supply.

Bruner asked, when towns connect to the Council's system, who pays? Wulff stated the City pays the connection fees but it depends on how far out it was planned. Developers pay the local connection fees.

Drotning asked how can we get more information on Credit River Township. Torres shared the Township has submitted to be incorporated and noted that this was the first time they did their own Comprehensive Plan. She added that the Township is planning to receive service from a trunk line in Savage.

Larson discussed regional parks and trails, as well as trends and themes in resilience and climate change, and natural resources.

Torres discussed equity trends and themes in the comprehensive plans and reviewed next steps.

Roe gave feedback that their change to 'urban area' was very controversial when they began their planning.

Wulff commented that we seem to have an excellent knack for timing as we redo comprehensive plans with the recession in the 2030 cycle of plans and the pandemic with the 2040 cycle of plans.

Barajas agreed and felt it is a great topic of conversation.

Bruner asked, with the increase of population and use of aquifers, has there been any thought to increases in population and all that goes with it regarding impervious surfaces.

Wulff stated the Council has an entire division that looks at water supply. She will connect Bruner to staff that can provide more information.

Travel Behavior Inventory and Covid-19 Survey – Ashley Asmus, Metropolitan Transportation Services

Asmus gave a presentation on a travel behavior inventory survey that was done and outlined in the presentation provided.

Bruner found this very interesting and stated all staff did a nice job today.

Bottema asked for raw data. Asmus stated she could send an email.

Wulff noted her family was chosen for the survey and felt the app was very frustrating.

Drotning appreciated the survey/data as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Dingle
Recording Secretary