

# Metropolitan Council

Council Chair Susan Haigh  
Councilmember Roxanne Smith  
Councilmember Lona Schreiber  
Councilmember Gary Van Eyll  
Councilmember Jennifer Munt

Councilmember Steve Elkins  
Councilmember James Brimeyer  
Councilmember Gary Cunningham  
Councilmember Adam Duinick

Councilmember Edward Reynoso  
Councilmember John Đoàn  
Councilmember Sandy Rummel  
Councilmember Harry Melander

Councilmember Richard Kramer  
Councilmember Jon Commers  
Councilmember Steven Chávez  
Councilmember Wendy Wulff

## Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, June 12, 2013

4:00PM

Council Chambers

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### IN ATTENDANCE

Smith, Schreiber, Munt, Van Eyll, Elkins, Brimeyer, Cunningham, Đoàn, Rummel, Kramer, Commers, Chávez, Wulff, Haigh

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the meeting to order at 4:06PM.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Rummel

It was moved by Rummel, seconded by Kramer

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 1-11)

##### Consent Agenda Adopted

1. 2013-147 Authorize the Regional Administrator to amend the contract with TASC by the amount of \$100,000 to include billing services for those retirees with an employer subsidy towards medical coverage.
2. 2013-148 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Blaine to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect; find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
3. 2013-149 Approve the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail Extension Master Plan Amendment. Consider reimbursing Carver County up to \$131,903 from its share of a future Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program for construction of a ¼ mile segment of the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail along County Road 40 between Jonathan Carver Parkway (CSAH 11) and the southern intersection of County Road 40 and Carver Bluffs Parkway. However, 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. Require that prior to initiating development of the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail, preliminary 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. Inform Carver County that only one alignment of the regional trail extension between downtown Carver and the southern intersection of County Road 40 and Carver Bluffs Parkway will be eligible for regional parks funding. Once the Metropolitan Council has granted funds for the development of a regional trail making this connection, any alternate alignments in the area will not be eligible for regional parks funding. Notify Carver County that the proposed costs for paving Alternate Route 1 of the regional trail through the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge are not approved through this master plan amendment, since the US Fish and Wildlife Service has stipulated that the trail will remain a natural surface. If Carver County and the US Fish and Wildlife Service reach an agreement regarding paving this trail segment, the County shall submit the estimated costs and a copy of the agreement to the Metropolitan Council.
4. 2013-150 Authorize a grant of up to \$1,700,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Carver County to acquire the 19.29-acre parcel

(Paul's) as shown in Attachment 2 for the Lake Waconia Regional Park. The grant should be financed with \$1,020,000 from the 2012 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation and \$680,000 from Metropolitan Council bonds. Consider reimbursing Carver County up to \$1,929,240 from its share of a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program for the balance of the acquisition costs minus potential income from selling a portion of the parcel to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for a boat access as called for in the Lake Waconia Regional Park master plan. 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.

5. 2013-151 Authorize a grant of up to \$51,579 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Carver County to finance 75% of the acquisition costs to acquire the 0.5 acre First Minnetonka City Bank parcel as depicted in Attachment 3 for Southwest Regional Trail. The grant should be financed with \$30,947 from the FY 2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation and \$20,632 from Metropolitan Council bonds. Consider reimbursing Carver County up to \$17,193 from its share of a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program, financed through the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, for the local 25% match to this grant. However, 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. Authorize a grant of up to \$15,520 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Carver County to finance 75% of the acquisition costs to acquire the 0.35 acre Wenz/Clark parcel as depicted in Attachment 3 for the Southwest Regional Trail. The grant should be financed with \$9,312 from the FY 2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation and \$6,208 from Metropolitan Council bonds. Consider reimbursing Carver County up to \$5,173 from its share of a future Regional Park Capital Improvement Program, financed through the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, for the local 25% match to this grant. However, 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.
6. 2013-158 Approve the attached Wells Fargo terms and conditions (Attachments A and B) so that the Council may utilize general banking services through Wells Fargo.
7. 2013-159 Approve the attached Resolution 2013-4 to designate bank depositories by way of its investment policy, designate by title those authorized signators on Council payments to other entities, and, provide for management and administration of accounts at depositories.
8. 2013-163 Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Shoreview to put the Lakeview Terrace comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect; find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
9. 2013-164 Conduct a public hearing to discuss and receive comment on the 2014 Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan on August 19, 2013 at 4:30PM in the Council Chambers.
10. 2013-165 Adopt Resolution 2013-5, required by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a continuation grant agreement for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program.
11. 2013-166 Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant (SCRPG) Sub-recipient Agreement with Springsted Incorporated for a Transit Corridor Development Data System project, totaling \$40,000.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Community Development**

2013-153 Adopt the revised amendment to the 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan to add the proposed Kingswood Special Recreation Feature to the regional parks system, as shown in Attachment 2.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Munt.

**Motion carried.**

2013-154 Approve the Kingswood Special Recreation Feature Master Plan, subject to Metropolitan Council approval of the amendment to the 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan acknowledging Kingswood Special Recreation Feature as a component of the regional parks system.

It was moved by Cunningham, seconded by Munt.

**Motion carried.**

2013-155 Approve one of the following two scenarios for Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund grant(s) to Three Rivers Park District for the acquisition of the 106 acre Kingswood Special Recreation Feature. The scenarios depend upon approval by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) on June 11 to use Environment and Natural Resources Fund appropriations to help partially finance the acquisition: Scenario 1: If the LCCMR approves use of Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriations to partially finance the acquisition of the 45 acre "Northern lot" as part of Kingswood Special Recreation Feature, then the Metropolitan Council approves two Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund grants as follows: A grant of up to \$382,125 to finance 75% of the acquisition of the 45 acre "Northern lot" illustrated in Attachment 2. The grant is financed with \$229,275 from the 2012 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation and \$152,850 Metropolitan Council bonds. This grant must be matched with up to \$127,375 of Three Rivers Park District funds to finance 25% of the "Northern lot" acquisition. A grant up of to \$1,505,858 to finance 75% of the acquisition of 61.3 acres comprised of the "Western Lakeshore lot" and "Eastern lots" illustrated in Attachment 2. The grant is financed with \$905,315 of FY 2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation and \$603,543 of Metropolitan Council bonds. This grant must be matched with up to \$502,952 of Three Rivers Park District funds to finance 25% of the remaining lot's acquisition costs. The Park District fund match amount of up to \$630,327 is eligible for reimbursement consideration as part of Three Rivers Park District's share of future regional park capital improvement programs. 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. Scenario 2: If the LCCMR does not approve use of Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriations to partially finance the acquisition of the 45 acre "Northern lot" as part of Kingswood Special Recreation Feature, then the Metropolitan Council approves a Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund grant of up to \$1,700,000 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund account to Three Rivers Park District to finance up to 67% of the costs to acquire the 106 acre Kingswood Special Recreation Feature. The grant shall be financed with \$1,020,000 of FY 2013 Parks and Trials Legacy Fund appropriation and \$680,000 of Metropolitan Council bonds. This grant must be matched with up to \$821,310 of Three Rivers Park District funds to finance at least 33% of the remaining lot's acquisition costs. The Park District fund match amount up to \$821,310 is eligible for reimbursement consideration as part of Three Rivers Park District's share of future regional park capital improvement programs. 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.

Arne Stefferud informed the Council that the Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) did not make a decision on this matter at their June 11 meeting due to lack of a quorum. The LCCMR would consider this matter at its June 25 meeting. Consequently the Metropolitan Council tabled the action on this matter to its June 26 meeting. On June 26, Metropolitan Council staff will make an oral report on the June 25 LCCMR decision which determines which recommended grant funding scenario to consider.

**Environment—No Reports**

**Management—Reports on Consent List**

## Transportation—No Reports

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### INFORMATION

##### A. METRO Red Line (Cedar Avenue BRT) Update and Launch Information

Michelle Fure and Kelci Stones presented on the METRO Red Line launch which is scheduled for June 22. A ceremonial celebration will take place at the Apple Valley Transit Station at noon on June 22 with remarks by Chair Haigh, Commissioner Gaylord, and Commissioner Krause, among others. There will be promotions by the Minnesota Zoo and area businesses. The METRO Red Line will augment the existing service in the corridor and it will be the first all day Sunday service in the corridor. Stations are located at the Mall of America (METRO Blue Line Connection), the Cedar Grove Transit Station, 140<sup>th</sup> Street, 147<sup>th</sup> Street, and the Apple Valley Transit Station. The weekday ridership on the METRO Red Line is estimated to be 975 for the first full year of operation, and by 2017 it is expected to be 1,600.

##### B. Southwest Light Rail Transit Update – Freight Rail and Eden Prairie Alignment

Jim Alexander provided an update on the Southwest LRT with a focus on technical issues #21 (freight rail co-location and relocation) and #1 (Eden Prairie alignment adjustments), as well as the outreach that has been ongoing. A map illustrating freight rail technical issue #21 was shown with the 3 different freight rail lines highlighted: Bass Lake Spur and Kenilworth Corridor, MN&S Spur, and the Wayzata Subdivision. The average weekly trains range from 5-6 on the Bass Lake and Kenilworth route, to 91 per week on the Wayzata Subdivision, however, frequency is affected by the economy and is subject to change at any time. Jim had several illustrations with measurements for the various freight rail co-location design options. The options are to have all modes at-grade, relocate or elevate the trail, elevate the LRT or build shallow or deep bored tunnels for the LRT. Technical issue #1, the Eden Prairie alignment adjustments, came out of the City's DEIS comments requesting additional review for alignment and station adjustments on the western end of the route to best serve passenger markets. The next steps in resolving this issue will be to present a recommended design option to the Business Advisory Committee (July 24), the Community Advisory Committee (July 25), the SWLRT Corridor Management Committee (August 7), and the Metropolitan Council (possibly sometime in August). Open houses for freight rail and stations are occurring throughout the month of June. More information on the project can be found at [www.SWLRT.org](http://www.SWLRT.org).

#### REPORTS

Chair: Chair Haigh had to leave early to attend another meeting.

Council Members:

Van Eyll: The Thrive MSP 2040 Roundtable meeting in Jordan was successful.

Brimeyer: He recently traveled to Texas where he learned a great deal about their transit system, DART.

Regional Administrator: No report.

General Counsel: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53PM.

#### Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 12, 2013.

Approved this 26 day of June, 2013.

Emily Getty  
Recording Secretary