

Minutes of the

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, November 3, 2014

Committee Members Present: Commers, Chávez, Elkins, Kramer, Rummel, Wulff

Committee Members Absent: Cunningham, Munt

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 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2014.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2014 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

2014-273 City of Edina Regional Medical District Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20413-5

Senior Planner Michael Larson presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

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

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Edina to put the Regional Medical District comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Advise the City that the impact of the CPA on guided land uses may impact subsequent forecast modeling results for population and households.

No questions asked. **Motion carried.**

2014-274 City of Orono 405 North Arm Drive Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 20637-3

Planning Analyst Freya Thamman presented the report to the Community Development Committee. It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Chavez, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Orono to put the 405 North Arm Drive Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

Following the presentation, Committee Member Rummel inquired about the amendment's conservation easement area, how much area it covers and its location within the site. Ms. Thamman indicated that approximately 65 acres of the 142-acre site was proposed to be preserved from development with a conservation easement. Ms. Thamman showed a graphic with the proposed conservation area, which is primarily along the edges of the site and coincides with existing natural areas.

Committee Member Elkins indicated there is agreement by the Council and City that this area is not planned for regional sewerage, but asked what would happen if, at a future date, the septic systems fail. Kyle Colvin, Asst Manager, Environmental Services-Technical Services, explained that local ordinance requires a backup drainfield and that there are also ways to create a mound system to address potential future failures. Mr. Colvin indicated that the Council's existing wastewater system does not have capacity to provide service to this area and it is not in the Council's long-term sewer service area. He said the expectation from the Council is that this area will be served by on-site septic systems from this point forward.

Motion carried.

2014-275 Establish Public Hearing for LCA Affordable and Lifecycle Housing Goals for 2011-2020
Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Rummel, That the Metropolitan Council conduct a public hearing on December 15, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in the Metropolitan Council Chambers to receive comment on the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Account (LCA LHIA) Affordable and Lifecycle Housing goals for 2011-2020 adopted by any community electing to participate in the LCA LHIA by November 15, 2014.

No questions asked. **Motion carried.**

INFORMATION

1. Discuss revisions to the Housing Policy Plan

Research Manager Libby Starling discussion addressed two areas where the public comments suggest policy-level revisions to the Housing Policy Plan:

- The alignment between affordable housing and transit
- Revised approach to indicators in the Housing Policy Plan

Ms. Starling also provided a summary of the proposed changes on fair housing as discussed at Committee of the Whole since August.

2. Economic Competitiveness Initiatives (Janna King; Mark VanderSchaaf 651 602-1441)

Regional Planning Director Mark VanderSchaaf and Economic Competitive Consultant Janna King provided an overview of what was learned from the workshops held, and how staff are preparing to respond to priorities identified at those workshops.

Thrive MSP 2040 has identified economic competitiveness as an important emphasis for our region, and one in which the Council should play a role.

During the third quarter of 2014, Council staff began holding a series of workshops with staff from counties and many of the region's cities to assess their level of interest in a number of potential research, information, and technical assistance products relating to economic competitiveness. These

products would be provided for local communities to use on a voluntary basis in their 2016-2018 comprehensive plan updates. One workshop remains to be held, with Hennepin County, but the input already received has helped Council staff to begin crafting a program to address the priorities that were identified.

3. Release of MetroStats: Growing Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Twin Cities Region Today

Senior Researcher Matt Schroeder presented an informational report on growing racial and ethnic diversity in the Twin Cities.

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released new American Community Survey data that provide the characteristics of the seven counties in the Twin Cities region and the region's 44 largest cities (with at least 20,000 residents) during the 2011-2013 period. Regional Policy and Research has issued a new *MetroStats* report using these data to examine the region's increasing racial and ethnic diversity.

Highlights of the report include:

- People of color have accounted for more than nine-tenths (92%) of the region's net population growth since 2000. Nearly one in every four residents of the region is a person of color.
- Racial and ethnic diversity has increased since 2000 in every county in the region and in each of the region's 44 largest cities. In Anoka, Scott, and Washington Counties, for example, about one in fourteen residents were people of color in 2000. By 2013, it was closer to one in every seven residents.
- Eight cities have gained 8,000 people of color or more since 2000: Bloomington, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Burnsville, Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Shakopee, and Woodbury.
- In seven cities—Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Fridley, Maplewood, New Hope, Richfield, and Shakopee—the share of residents who are people of color has increased by 15 percentage points or more since 2000.

The Twin Cities region's growing diversity comes from three sources. The region gains thousands of immigrants each year from outside the country—the largest numbers of New Americans are from Mexico and Central America, Africa and Asia (international migration). The region also exchanges residents with the rest of the country (domestic migration). Those who leave the region are overwhelmingly (but not exclusively) white, while new arrivals to the region are more racially and ethnically diverse. Finally, even if these migration differences did not exist, the region would still grow more racially and ethnically diverse because people of color are younger on average (and thus have relatively more people in prime child-bearing age groups). Black, Asian and Latino families also tend to have more children than white, non-Latino families.

The full report, "Growing Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Twin Cities Region Today," is available online at <http://metro council.org/Data-and-Maps/Data/MetroStats.aspx>.

ADJOURNMENT

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary