

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Susan Haigh, James Brimeyer, Steven Chávez, Jon Commers, Gary Cunningham, Steve Elkins, Richard Kramer, Harry Melander, Jennifer Munt, Lona Schreiber, Roxanne Smith, Gary Van Eyll, Wendy Wulff

Members Absent: John Doãn, Adam Duininck, Edward Reynoso, Sandra Rummel

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Haigh called the Committee of the Whole to order at 4:02 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Commers to approve the agenda for the meeting of October 19, 2011. Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 19, 2011. Motion Carried.

Regional Development Framework Background:

Introduction - Guy Peterson, Director of Community Development

Overview of the 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan

- Jan Youngquist, Senior Planner, Parks & Open Space Systems Planning presented a brief overview of the 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan which includes the Regional Park Implementing Agencies, the Regional Parks System, and Regional Parks Policy Plan Policies. The Regional Parks System includes 39 regional parks, 12 park reserves, 7 special recreation features, 38 regional trails—which have 40.8 million annual visits. Regional Parks Policy Plan Policies includes siting and acquisition, finance, planning, recreation activities and facilities, and system protection. Future Regional Parks System Issues include regional trail development, Brownfields, balance of urban park needs vs. newer systems, and equity of transit access to regional parks and trails, and minority use of regional parks and trails.

Overview of the Metropolitan Land Planning Act

- David Theisen, Deputy General Counsel, gave an overview of the Metropolitan Land Planning Act: Started in 1967. By statute, the Metropolitan Council is required to provide long-range policy plans for transportation, wastewater and regional parks. The Regional Development Framework sets regional goals, policies and strategies. Metropolitan system plans are policy plans and capital budgets for wastewater service, transportation and regional recreation open space. Metropolitan Land Planning Act is a land use plan including a water management plan.

2008 Comprehensive Plan Composite

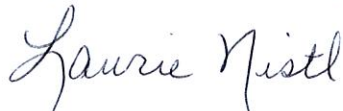
- Lisa Barajas, Planning Analyst, presented the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Composite, which includes: what communities are doing-- intensifying residential land uses, infill/redevelopment vs. Greenfield Development, expanding and defining mixed use, and sustainability planning; intensifying residential land uses—more land planned for residential use: 46,467 acres of newly planned residential uses; and increasing residential densities. Maps and graphs included information with differences in planned land use and Greenfield development.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Nistl, Recording Secretary