

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Committee Members Present: **Chair Natalie Steffen; Georgeanne Hilker; Tony Pistilli; Daniel Wolter; Richard Aguilar; Sherry Broecker; Polly Bowles**

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Steffen called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2008.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Steffen read the following statement regarding item 2009-32:

At its February 2nd meeting, this Committee considered a staff recommendation to schedule a public hearing on February 17 to consider whether the City of Andover's proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update contains a substantial departure from the Council's adopted regional wastewater system plan and will have a substantial impact on the metropolitan wastewater system, and therefore should be modified to ensure it conforms to metropolitan system plans. The Committee approved that recommendation and scheduled a public hearing on the City's proposed plan update for today's Committee meeting.

Council staff met with City representatives on February 2 to discuss plan modification issues. The City submitted information and proposed revisions to its plan update to address the plan modification issues. Based on the information submitted by the City and the plan revisions the City says it is willing to make, Council staff believes the plan modification issues have been resolved. The City and Council have agreed to extend the Council's 120-day review period to May 28, 2009, so Council staff can have adequate time to consider and fully analyze the information and plan update revisions submitted by the City.

The Chair then entertained a motion to:

- (1) cancel the public hearing on Andover's 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update scheduled on the agenda, and
- (2) amend the Committee meeting agenda to remove it as well as the item related to the LCDA grant to Columbia Heights – item 2009-72

It was moved by Broecker seconded by Hilker, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Hilker to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2009-9 City of Farmington 2030 *Comprehensive Plan* Update Review File No. 20385-1 (Patrick Boylan 651 602-1438)

Patrick Boylan, Senior Planner presented the report to the Community Development Committee and indicated that City Planner Lee Smick was present and indicated that the City was not against Council Staff conclusions and did plan to change the 2010 population forecasts within the entire Update document. The recommendations are that the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Review Record and takes the following actions from each committee:

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

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

2. Require the City to revise the Update's 2010 socio-economic forecast and flow projections to be consistent with the Metropolitan Council's forecasts for 2010.

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the City of Farmington to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications;
2. Remind the City that Minnesota Statutes 473.864 requires the City to formally adopt the Update within nine months, submit two copies and a copy of the City Council Resolution adopting the Update to the Metropolitan Council following final action;
3. Remind the City that it is required to submit any updated ordinances and controls intended to help implement the Update to the Council upon adoption;
4. Require the City to revise the 2010 socio-economic forecasts in the Update as they relate to sanitary sewer flows to fit the demographic forecasts and update all related tables throughout the document;
5. Require the City to continue to participate in the Plat Monitoring Program;
6. Require that specific dates are cited for lands to be removed from the Agricultural Preserves program and submitted to the Council.
7. Remind the City that upon future annexations, the City must submit comprehensive plan amendments to the Council for review; and,
8. Remind the City to submit a copy of the 2006 water supply plan within the final, adopted Update.

Chair Steffen questioned the consistency of recommendations (2) From the ES committee and (4) Community Development Committee. Lee Smick, City Planner, City of Farmington, commented that the City will meet the requirements and will change their 2010 forecasts to be consistent with the Metropolitan Council's forecasts.

Bowles suggested amending the proposed action to removing (1), subject to the satisfaction and adopt the recommendations.

Bowles moved, seconded by Pistilli that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Review Record and the recommendations of the Community Development Committee.

Dave Theisen explained that the Council reviews plans for uniformity and consistency, and does not approve plans. He advised the Committee to keep the recommendations as written until staff develops a new recommendations format.

Chair Steffen, acknowledged counsel's recommendation and asked that the recommendations be approved as written.

The motion carried.

2009-35 City of Watertown 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20436-1 (Jim Uttley 651 602-1361)

Jim Uttley, Planning Analyst, presented the recommendations to the Community Development Committee and also introduced two residents of Watertown, Crystal Foust, City Planner and Mark Kaltsas, consulting City Planner.

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Watertown to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications;

2. Advise the City that it is required to participate in the Council's plat monitoring program beginning in 2009 and must submit annual reports to the Council consistent with Council guidelines;
3. Remind the City that Minnesota Statutes 473.864 requires the City to formally adopt the Update within nine months, submit two copies to the Council, and submit a copy of the City Council Resolution adopting the Update to the Metropolitan Council following final action.
4. Remind the City that it is required to submit any updated ordinances and controls intended to help implement the Plan to the Council upon adoption;
5. Remind the City that it needs to send the Council the date that the Carver County Watershed Management Organization approves the 2008 Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) and the date the City adopts the final version of the plan. If the final SWMP changes from the SWMP that the Council reviewed dated October 2008, the City will also need to send the Council a final copy of the SWMP.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

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

Bowles moved, seconded by Pistilli that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and the five (5) recommendations approved by the Community Development Committee at its meeting of February 17, 2009 pertaining to the City of Watertown's 2030 Comprehensive Plan; and that the Council approve the City's Tier 2 Comprehensive Sewer Plan as recommended by the Environment Committee at its meeting of February 10, 2009.

The motion carried.

2009-47 City of **Shoreview** 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20417-1 (Susan Hoyt 651 602-1330; Tori Dupre 651 602-1621)

Susan Hoyt, Planning Analyst presented to the recommendations for the City of Shoreview Comprehensive Plan Update and requests that the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Review Record and takes the following actions from each committee:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the City of Shoreview to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect with no modifications.
2. Request that the City forward the date that the City Council adopts the final local surface water management plan (WMP), and the dates on which the watersheds approve the WMP.
3. Require the City to formally adopt the Update within nine months, and provide two adopted copies, with the City Council Resolution to the Council (per MN Statutes 473.864).
4. Require that the City submit any updated ordinances and controls intended to help implement the Update to the Council.
5. Advise the City to participate in the Metropolitan Airports Commission public input process for the Anoka County-Blaine Airport's long-term comprehensive plan.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Request that the City forward the City Council resolution adopting the Tier II Sewer Plan to the Council.

Bowles questioned the wording of the recommendations, discussing consistency in language on the staff reports. Phyllis Hanson, Manager, Local Planning Assistance, informed the Committee of plans to examine the language used in the staff reports and implement consistencies.

Hilker moved, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Record Review.

The motion carried.

2009-48 City of Scandia Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20456-1 (Phyllis Hanson 651 602-1566; Lisa Barajas 651 602-1895)

Phyllis Hanson, Manager, Local Planning Assistance, introduced Anne Hurlburt, City Administrator and then Ms. Hanson provided an overview of the City of Scandia Comprehensive Plan Update and recommendations.

1. Authorize the City of Scandia to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications.
2. Remind the City to submit a copy of the City Council Resolution adopting its Update to the Council for its records.
3. Remind the City that Minnesota Statutes 473.864 require it to formally adopt the Comprehensive Plan after the Council's final action and require the City to submit two copies of the adopted Plan to the Council in a timely manner.
4. Remind the City that it is required to submit any updated ordinances and controls intended to help implement the Plan to the Council upon their adoption.
5. Advise the City to send to the Council the dates that the watersheds approved the Local Water Management Plan (LWMP), the date the City adopts the final LWMP, and a copy of the final adopted LWMP if it is different than the version reviewed as part of the Update.

Broecker moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Review Record and take the action mentioned in the staff report.

The motion carried.

2009-49 Scott County 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20402-1 (Tom Caswell 651 602-1319)

Tom Caswell, Senior Planner presented an overview of the report and its proposed action, that the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Review Record and take the following actions from each committee:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the County to put its Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications.
2. That the County submit to the Council as comprehensive plan amendments all Planned Unit Development (PUD) proposals within the long term regional service area for review for consistency with Council Regional Wastewater Policy.
3. Remind the County to submit a copy of the County Board Resolution adopting its Update to the Council for its records;
4. Remind the County that Minnesota Statutes 473.864 require it to formally adopt the Comprehensive Plan after the Council's final action and require the County to submit two copies of the adopted Plan to the Council in a timely manner; and,
5. Remind the County that it is required to submit any ordinances and controls intended to help implement the Plan to the Council upon adoption including ordinances that permit residential densities that exceed Council policy for the Diversified Rural Area.

The County is not required to develop a Tier II sewer plan.

The committee noted that the forecast table in the staff report contained differing forecasts, but was found to be consistent with Council forecast. The report contained 2005 System Statement forecasts as the Councils forecasts. The Council revised its forecasts in 2008. The Council and County forecasts are actually the same, and are reflected in the Forecasts section of the staff report.

Chair Steffen directed staff to note in the Committee report that there is known opposition from these organizations.

The committee heard comments from representatives of the Farmers' Legal Action Group (FLAG), and members of Local Harvest Alliance, a group of Scott County farmers. Both groups expressed concern over proposed urbanization of farm land, and that the staff report noted "no known opposition" to Scott County's Plan. The Committee explained its statutory responsibilities and limitations, but did understand the groups concerns. The groups submitted materials via email, and distributed additional materials at the meeting.

Aguilar moved, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Review Record and the recommendation of the Community Development Committee.

The motion carried.

2009-71 Community Development Committee 2009 Work Plan (Guy Peterson 651 602-1418)

Guy Peterson, Director, Community Development Division, presented an overview of the Community Development Committee 2009 Committee Work Plan. The work plan will consist of regular business items; Comprehensive Plan Updates and Amendments, Division budget reports and amendments, reports from other committees, housing recommendations, Policy Decisions; parks policy plan, Eligibility issues, grant requests and recommendations, Information presentations; forecasting, employment, census information, and Outreach plans to Constituents; Committee contact with legislators, joint committees, district meetings and participation in focus groups.

Chair Steffen informed the committee of available tours of the various parks and suggests the Parks and Open Space Commission extend an invitation for committee members to attend these tours. Bowles added invitations should be extended to the new Parks Foundation Board.

Hilker moved, seconded by Bowles that the Community Development Committee adopt the 2009 Committee Work Plan.

The motion carried.

2009-72 City of Columbia Heights Request to Amend Grand Central Lofts LCDA Project Grant SG006-166 (Paul Burns 651-602-1106) Pulled from Agenda

INFORMATION

Metro Stats (Libby Starling 651 603-1135)

Libby Starling, Manager, Research department of Community Development, provided a presentation regarding the Metro Stats publication, a high quality analysis of regional trends, integrated with maps and graphs. Ms. Starling explained the changes in the communication environment and the adjustments to this new environment, including how users retained this information. Also discussed are the issues of improving capacity for timely dissemination of this information.

Ms. Starling highlighted some of the information found on Metro Stars, and the popularity of the website, which is the primary form of distribution for this information, ranked 5th with more visitors than other sites.

Chair Steffen asked if this data measures the loss of prime agricultural lands. Ms. Starling responded that Metro Stats is a vehicle for communication; the content is dependent on available information.

Chair Steffen asked if reality is matching the forecasts over time regarding land availability. Ms. Starling remarked that comparisons can be made regarding population estimates to the population forecasts, the Quincentennial Land Inventory that will be done in 2010, providing more information regarding land consumption.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Steffen adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary