

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
March 16, 2009

Committee Members Present: **Chair Natalie Steffen; Annette Meeks; Kris Sanda; Georgeanne Hilker; Vice-Chair, Tony Pistilli; Daniel Wolter; Richard Aguilar; Sherry Broecker**

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Steffen called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2009.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Meeks seconded by Sanda, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

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

BUSINESS

2009-8 Change in scope for Cleary Lake Regional Park maintenance shop grant SG-2006-132, Three Rivers Park District

Arne Stefferud, Planning Analyst presented the report for the Metropolitan Council to authorize a change in the scope of grant SG-2006-132 to construct a 600 square foot maintenance building at Cleary Lake Regional Park and directs Council staff to execute an amendment to the grant agreement that reflects this change in scope.

Meeks asked if the original scope of the grant would have financed the entire costs of the larger maintenance building. Mr. Stefferud replied that the \$298,000 grant would have only financed a first phase of a larger building which had a total cost of \$2 million. Three Rivers Park District decided to build a smaller building instead which could be fully funded with the \$298,000 grant.

Wolter moved, seconded by Meeks that the Metropolitan Council authorizes a change in the scope of grant SG-2006-132. **The motion carried.**

2009-64 City of Plymouth 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20361-1

Freya Thamman, Principal Reviewer presented the report for the City of Plymouth and the proposed actions.

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the City of Plymouth to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Advise the City:
 - a. That it will be required to participate in the Metropolitan Council's (Council) plat monitoring program beginning in 2009 and submit annual reports to the Council.
 - b. That before wastewater service is provided any parcels within Living Area-Rural Transition (LA-RT) land use area, the City will need to submit a comprehensive plan amendment and updated citywide density calculation to the Council to ensure the City is meeting the Council's policy of 3+ units per net developable acre for sewered areas.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.
2. Advise the City:

- a. That it will need to maintain their long term flow levels within the allocated capacity of 1.78 Million Gallons per Day for the Elm Creek Interceptor.
- b. That before development and direct connection to interceptor 9004 can occur, the City will need to enter into a cost sharing agreement with the Metropolitan Council for the over sizing costs of the interceptor.

Chair Steffen asked if the city meets the 3 units/acre area within the current sewer land, excluding the rural transitional area. Ms. Thamman confirmed the city does meet 3 units /acre to their sewer development, but if the rural transitional area is to be sewerred then the city should include the transitional area in their density calculations.

Chair Steffen questioned the language used in the advisory comments. Ms. Thamman stated the language indicates to the city this is their final update after Council has acted on the Comprehensive Plan Update and any requested changes are made.

Hilker moved, seconded by Sanda that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the recommendation of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

2009-81 City of Osseo 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20443-1

Tori Dupre, Principal Reviewer presented the report for the City of Plymouth and the proposed actions.

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the City of Osseo to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Advise the City to:
 - a) Submit the City's local surface water management plan's (WMP) adoption date.
 - b) Correct the Update's transportation information regarding the Bottineau Alternatives Analysis and the 2030 Average Daily Traffic forecasts.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee:

Approve the City's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Pistilli asked what correction was required in the city's transportation plan according to the Bottineau Alternatives Analysis.

Ms. Dupre responded that MnDot requested an adjustment to the presumed 2030 traffic forecasts, which were too high.

Pistilli moved, seconded by Sanda that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and takes the following actions from each committee. **The motion carried.**

2009-82 May Township Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20415-1

Susan Hoyt, Principal reviewer presented the report and the proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record, Advisory Comments and the following:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize May Township to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Advise the Township to:
 - a. forward a final copy of the Water Resources Management Plan when it is adopted
 - b. Inform the Council of the dates the Rice Creek, Browns Creek and Carnelian Marine St. Croix watershed districts and the Township adopt the final Water Resources Management Plan.

Chair Steffen asked how May Township with its anticipated growth to a 2030 population of only 4,000 people avoided being annexed by a neighboring community. Hoyt explained that the area in eastern Washington County that encompasses May Township and its immediate neighbors is rural and despite anticipated growth over the next 20 years, it will remain rural in character.

Broecker moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record, Advisory Comments and the recommendations of the Community Development Committee.

The motion carried.

2009-87 City of Hamburg 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20426-1

Jim Uttley, the sector representative for Carver County, presented an overview of the staff review and recommendations to the Committee.

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Hamburg to put only that portion of its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update pertaining to lands within its boundaries into effect and not areas located in Young America Township;
2. The Council has reviewed the City of Hamburg's entire Update including that portion shown in adjacent Young America Township. It has found no regional system conformance or policy consistency issues. At such time as the City of Hamburg acquires jurisdiction of the lands planned for future urbanization in Young America Township either through an Orderly Annexation Agreement or annexation(s), the City will need to submit appropriate plan amendments to the Council for further review and action.
3. Advise the City:
 - a. To submit comprehensive plan amendments to the Council for review and action for areas that are annexed from Young America at such time as annexation occurs;
 - b. To send the Council a copy of the final Surface Water Management Plan dated December 2004.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee:

Approve the City's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Chair Steffen asked about the Hamburg wastewater treatment plant and whether it would be held to the new higher standards of treatment if expanded. Uttley indicated that it would.

Hilker moved, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the recommendations presented to the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

2009-93 Board Resolution 2009-04 Family Affordable Housing Program American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding

Beth Reetz, Director, Housing and Livable Communities provided an overview of the proposed actions:

1. That the Metropolitan Council approve the receipt and expenditure of \$212,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the public housing units that comprise the Council's Family Affordable Housing Program (FAHP).
2. That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Chair to execute the attached HUD Board Resolution Form.

Ms. Reetz explained that recently the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) passed, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and awarded the Metropolitan Council Housing and Redevelopment Authority (Metro HRA) \$212,000 for capital improvements to the public housing units that comprise the Council's family affordable housing program. She explained that nearly three billion dollars in Capital Funds are being awarded to public housing authorities across the Country through a formula based on the number and age of units in each program's portfolio.

HUD requires housing agencies to submit a Board Resolution authorizing receipt and expenditure of the funds prior to fund distribution. A budget amendment to reflect the receipt and expenditure of the funds will be included in the first or second quarter amendment to the Council's 2009 Consolidated Budget. The funding provided by the ARRA is a one-time Capital Fund award that must be fully obligated within one year and fully expended within three years.

Pistilli questioned if there is a capital improvement schedule for these types of repairs. Ms. Reetz explained that given the size of the FAHP, this is not a HUD requirement. She explained there is an assessment completed where the units are appraised and then scheduled for likely repairs needed over the next 5 – 7 years. Pistilli asked if the items to be approved today were scheduled for replacement this year. Reetz explained that we have not had the funding available, and these repairs were actually scheduled to have been done over the past two years. Chair Steffen asked that these are homes to be converted to Section 8 vouchers and in the past, reserve funds were used for repairs/upgrades. These funds would be used, rather the reserves. Pistilli also asked about the language – the meaning of supplant. Reetz explained that by listening to HUD direction in their webcasts to housing authorities, this was meant to mean these funds are to be used to make additional repairs beyond those already planned and funded for this year.

Sanda moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council approve the receipt and expenditure of these funds and to execute the resolution. Pistilli and Meeks voted no. **The motion carried.**

2009-94 Metropolitan Council Agricultural Preserves Program 2008 Status Report

Libby Starling, Manager, Research department present the report and the proposed actions to the Committee.

That the Metropolitan Council:

Accept the 2008 Status Report to forward to the Minnesota Legislature and to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Minnesota Statutes direct the Metropolitan Council to prepare annual reports summarizing program enrollment and to maintain maps illustrating lands covenanted as agricultural preserves. The Council provides annual reports to the Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development, the Department of Agriculture, and other State agencies. As of December 31, 2008 nearly 182,000 acres are enrolled.

Sanda moved, seconded by Meeks that the Metropolitan Council accept the 2008 Status Report to forward to the Minnesota Legislature and to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. **The motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on Monday, **April 6**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Steffen adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary