

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
September 21, 2009

Committee Members Present: **Chair Tony Pistilli; Kris Sanda; Georgeanne Hilker; Daniel Wolter; Richard Aguilar; Sherry Broecker; Wendy Wulff**

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Pistilli called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2009.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Broecker to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2009-129 Public Hearing - Metro Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan

Terri Smith, HRA assistant manager, presented the information on the Public hearing, no vote required.

2009-321 City of Minneapolis Request to Amend the End Project and Extend the Grant Agreement Expiration Dates for Longfellow Station (SG006-162, SG007-041, and SG007-115)

Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns outlined the requests to change the project and extend all three Livable Communities grants awarded to this project. Committee Member Sanda asked why the number of affordable housing units had been reduced. Wes Butler, representing the City of Minneapolis responded that the reduction in the number of affordable units was the result of a change in the funding for the housing components, caused by changes in the credit market. Mr. Butler also expressed the City and the developer's commitment to the project and their agreement with the proposed conditions.

Pistilli moved, seconded by Sanda that the Metropolitan Council accepts the requested proposed actions. **The motion carried.**

2009-320 Board Resolution 2009-043 and 2009-044 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Bridges Rental Assistance Program, and Housing Trust Fund, Rental Assistance in Anoka County (RAAC) Program

Sue Putz, HRA Assistant Manager presented the item. There was no discussion

Wulff moved, seconded by Broecker that the Metropolitan Council adopt resolutions, required by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute continuation grant agreements with the MHFA for the Bridges Rental Assistance Program and the Housing Trust Fund, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (Rental Assistance in Anoka County, RAAC). **The motion carried.**

2009-299City of Eden Prairie 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update
Review File No. 20401-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

1. Authorize the City of Eden Prairie to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Adopt the advisory comments for forecasts and surface water management as presented in those sections of the review record;
3. Approve the City of Eden Prairie's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Staff introduced Scott Neal, Eden Prairie's City Manager, and Michael Franzen, Eden Prairie's City Planner and advised the committee that they would be available to answer questions. Staff presented an overview of the staff report and requested the Committee's permission to substitute a newly revised Existing Land Use map (Figure 3 in the staff report) in the report that is sent to the full Council for action. Committee members had no objection. Staff also pointed out an error in the forecast table for the year 2000 and asked the Committee's permission to substitute a revised forecast table (Table 1) in the report that is sent to the full Council for action. Committee members had no objection. Vice Chair Pistilli and Committee Member Sanda asked questions about the airport and the City's relationship with the Metropolitan Airports Commission. Mr. Neal and Mr. Franzen responded and indicated that the relationship was cordial. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and proposed actions noted above.

Wolter moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and proposed actions noted in the report. **The motion carried.**

2009-301City of Spring Park 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No.
20618-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

1. Authorize the City of Spring Park to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Adopt the advisory comments for land use, parks and surface water management as presented in those sections of the review;
3. Approve the City of Spring Park's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

No issues were raised.

Wolter moved, seconded by Sanda that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and proposed actions noted in the report. **The motion carried.**

2009-303 City of Columbia Heights 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update
Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Review File No. 20605-1

- a) Participate in Council activities to monitor redevelopment and infill in developed communities.
- b) Implement the advisory comments noted in the Review Record.
- c) Update and provide the water resources management plan to the Council for review and comment at the same time it is submitted to the watershed organizations for review and approval once completed in 2011 or 2012.

Senior Planner Tori Dupre presented the report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee. The Committee noted the City's responsibility to update the local surface water management plan and provide it to the Council as stated in the proposed action.

Sanda moved, seconded by Broecker that the Metropolitan Council authorize the City of Columbia Heights to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect. **The motion carried.**

2009-300 City of Medina 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20432-1
Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

1. Authorize the City of Medina to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Adopt the revised forecasts and affordable housing needs number, as detailed in Table 1 and the Housing section of the attached Review Record;
3. Advise the City:
 - a. that at the time the City of Medina and City of Corcoran enter an intercommunity service agreement for Medina serve development in southwest Corcoran through a trunk sewer along Highway 55, a copy of the agreement must be sent to the Metropolitan Council before the Metropolitan Council can recommend full approval of any sewer extension permits to this area to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).
 - b. to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record including those in the transportation and surface water management sections.
4. Approve the City of Medina's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Local Planning Assistance staff member Freya Thamman introduced Medina's City Planner Dusty Finke and then presented a summary of the City of Medina's Update and proposed actions to the Committee. Following the presentation there were no questions. The Chair asked City Planner Dusty Finke if he had any comments. Mr. Finke thanked the Metropolitan Council for their services and also thanked the Council for providing the City with a planning grant, which paid for a portion of the technical assistance needed for the comprehensive plan.

Wulff moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the recommendations in the staff report. **The motion carried.**

2009-302 City of Hampton 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan
Review File No. 20596-1

1. Authorize the City of Hampton to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Adopt the revised forecasts for population, households, and employment for the City, as detailed in Table 2 of the attached Review Record.
3. Adopt the advisory comments in the forecast and land use sections.
4. Approve the City of Hampton Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Senior Planner Patrick Boylan presented the report to the Committee. Councilmember Broecker asked about the Council acquiring the City's wastewater treatment plant. Engineering Services Asst. Manager Kyle Colvin responded that the discussions between the Council and the City were preliminary discussion only and that the City will approach the Council if so desired at a later date.

Wulff moved, seconded by Sanda that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the recommendations in the report. **The motion carried.**

2009-318 Reimbursement authorization for City of St. Paul regional park projects financed with FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund appropriation

Authorize the City of St. Paul to expend funds on the following State Fiscal Year 2011 Parks and Trails Fund projects under the stipulation that the County will not be reimbursed for its expenses from the FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund appropriation until the appropriation is available and after execution of grant amendments or grant agreements for these projects:

1. \$923,000 to complete picnic shelter, park road realignment, utilities and lighting at Lilydale Regional Park that was begun with a \$1,455,000 grant in FY 2010.
2. \$610,000 for design and renovation at the Lily Pond in Como Regional Park. The City would like to have restoration of this historic element occur concurrently with the FY 2010 grant of \$250,000 to renovate the Joyce Killmer Memorial Fireplace.
3. \$60,000 for a volunteer coordinator position and \$52,000 for an Educational Coordinator position which the City would like to hire prior to July 1, 2010.

The Committee inquired about the use of the Parks and Trails Fund appropriation for financing staffing costs as well as capital costs. Council staff replied that the constitutional amendment language for the Parks and Trails Fund appropriation allows staffing (e.g. operations) as well as capital costs. Park agencies are using the Parks and Trails Fund grants to complement other revenue sources, which is consistent with the constitutional amendment.

Wulff moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the City of St. Paul to expend funds on the following State Fiscal Year 2011 Parks and Trails Fund projects as stipulated in the report. **The motion carried.**

2009-319 Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant request to purchase 8.9 acre parcel for Carver Park Reserve, Three Rivers Park District

The Committee asked for the rationale to acquire this parcel in light of its cost—about \$100,000 per acre. Boe Carlson, Associate Superintendent from Three Rivers Park District stated that the parcel would provide a visual and noise attenuation buffer between homes to the southeast of this parcel and a dog park north of the parcel.

The Committee asked if the shoreline of this parcel would be used for public access to Schutz Lake—specifically a fishing pier. Mr. Carlson replied that public access facilities to the lake were provided elsewhere on the lake.

Wolter moved, seconded by Broecker that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of \$719,400 from the State Acquisition Grant Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Three Rivers Park District to partially finance the acquisition of the 8.89 acre Hedtke parcel as part of Carver Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with \$431,640 of 2008 State Environment and Natural Resources Trust Funds and \$287,760 of Metropolitan Council bonds. **The motion carried.**

INFORMATION

2010-15 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Plan
Guy Peterson, Community Development Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Community Development Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Pistilli adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary