

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
October 5, 2009

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

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, October 5, 2009.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

The minutes of the September 21, 2009 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee were not available for approval. The minutes for the September 21, 2009 will be subject for approval at the October 19, 2009 Community Development Committee meeting.

BUSINESS

2009-352 City of St. Louis Park Request for a Second Extension to LCDA Grant SG006-169 for Hoigaard Village

Livable Communities Manager, Paul Burns, presented an overview of this one-year, second extension LCDA grant request, which would extend the grant period to December 31, 2010.

Hilker moved, seconded by Broecker that the Metropolitan Council approve the request by the City of St. Louis Park to extend the term of the Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grant for the Hoigaard Village project to December 31, 2010. **The motion carried.**

2009-340 City of Greenwood 2010 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20551-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

1. Authorize the City of Greenwood to put its 2010 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 Greenwood's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Jim Uttley presented the staff report to the Community Development Committee. No issues were raised.

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

2009-351 City of Ham Lake 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20490-1

1. Authorize the City of Ham Lake to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Adopt the revised forecasts as described in the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for wastewater services, surface water management, transportation, and individual sewage treatment systems.

LPA staff member, Susan Hoyt, presented the City of Ham Lake 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update. The Committee asked no questions.

Aguilar moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and proposed actions noted above. **The motion carried.**

2009-339 City of Oak Park Heights 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20467-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the City of Oak Park Heights to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Adopt the revised population and employment forecasts as shown in Table 1 in the attached staff report.
3. Advise the City to implement the Advisory Comments in the attached Review Record for Parks, Transportation, and Land Use.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee:

Approve the City of Oak Park Heights Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Senior Planner Lisa Barajas presented the report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee. Council member Broecker asked about the construction date for the St. Croix River Crossing Bridge.

Meeks moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and the recommendations of the Community Development Committee and the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

2009-130 Approval of 2010 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan

Terri Smith, HRA assistant manager, presented the report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Broecker moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council approve the attached Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan) for 2010, authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications and direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **The motion carried.**

2009-349 2009-2010 Section 8 Utility Allowance Schedule

Beth Reetz, Director of Housing and Livable Communities presented the item. There was no discussion.

Hilker moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council approve the attached 2009-

2010 Section 8 Utility Allowance Schedule effective November 1, 2009 for use by the Metro HRA in the administration of the Section 8, Family Affordable Housing, and other Rent Assistance Programs. **The motion carried.**

2009-350 Adoption of Payment Standards for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

Beth Reetz, Director of Housing and Livable Communities presented the item. Council Member Pistilli asked if setting the standards above the fair market rents enabled property owners to charge more for Section 8 assisted tenants than they would charge for unassisted tenants. Staff explained that this is not allowed. Council Member Meeks asked about the Section 8 program's average turnover rates, time limits on participation, and the definition of family.

Meeks moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt amounts, listed below, as Payment Standards for the Federal Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Rent Assistance Program effective November 1, 2009. **The motion carried.**

Information items:

Family Affordable Housing Program (FAHP) – Before & After Conversion from Public Housing to Section 8 Project Based

Beth Reetz, Livable Communities Director presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Community Development Committee

Impacts of Higher Density Development on the Transit System

Karen Lyons presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Community Development Committee

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Vice Chair Pistilli adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary