

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, October 19, 2009

Committee Members Present: **Chair Natalie Steffen; Kris Sanda; Georgeanne Hilker; Daniel Wolter; Richard Aguilar; 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 19, 2009.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Sanda to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2009 and October 5, 2009 regular meetings of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2009-342 City of Jordan 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20515-1
Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

LPA staff, Susan Hoyt, presented a summary of the report and the recommendations on behalf of the Sector Representative and Principal Reviewer Tom Caswell. Chair Steffen asked if the City of Jordan Update was consistent with the formerly approved Scott County Update. Hoyt replied that it was.

Hilker moved, seconded by Sanda that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

1. Authorize the City of Jordan to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect for areas within its current corporate limits;
2. Officially revise the Council forecasts to reflect the City's forecasts found on page 7 of this report;
3. Advise the City that it must submit Comprehensive Plan Amendments as it either annexes property, or when it enters into Orderly Annexation agreement with either of its surrounding townships;
4. Advise the City of Jordan 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;
5. Approve the City of Jordan's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan for only those areas within the current corporate limits;
6. Advise the City that it must submit Amendments to its Tier II sewer plan as it either annexes property, or when it enters into Orderly Annexation agreements with either of its surrounding townships.

The motion carried.

2009-379 Dakota County CDA Request for Extension of Time to Acquire Property Under LAAND Loan Award

Livable Communities Manager, Paul Burns, presented an overview of this request to extend the deadline for property acquisition under the LAAND program. Committee member Wulff asked if an extension to June 30, 2010 was enough time, and whether the Council should consider a longer period of time than one year for acquisition for future projects. Mr. Burns responded that the extension until June 30th should be adequate for this project, and that staff will be evaluating future applications to determine whether a longer time for acquisition might be needed.

Wulff moved, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the request by the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA) to extend the deadline from November 12, 2009 to June 30, 2010 for acquisition of a parcel of land under the Metropolitan Council's Land Acquisition for Affordable New Development (LAAND) Loan program award to the County CDA. **The motion carried.**

2009-380 Washington County HRA Request for Extension of Time to Acquire Property Under LAAND Loan Award

Livable Communities Manager, Paul Burns, presented an overview of this request to extend the deadline for property acquisition under the LAAND program. There was no Committee discussion.

Hilker moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council approve the request by the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to extend the deadline from November 12, 2009 to June 30, 2010 for acquisition of two parcels of land under the Metropolitan Council's Land Acquisition for Affordable New Development (LAAND) Loan program award to the County HRA. **The motion carried.**

2009-369 City of Blaine 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20501-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Senior Planner Tori Dupre presented the report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

1. Authorize the City of Blaine to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Adopt the revised forecasts and affordable housing needs number as described in the Review Record;
3. Approve the City of Blaine's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

The motion carried.

2009-370 City of Columbus 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20593-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Senior Planner Lisa Barajas presented the report to the Community Development Committee. Committee members did not have questions or further discussion.

Hilker moved, seconded by Sanda that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Columbus to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Adopt the revised forecasts for the City of Columbus for population, households, and employment as shown in Table 1 in the attached Review Record.
3. Advise the City to:
 - a. Participate in the Council's Plat Monitoring Program to track sanitary sewer-served residential development to monitor the City's progress in accommodating forecasted growth and providing opportunities for the City's share of the region's affordable housing need.
 - b. Implement the advisory comments for Transportation, Surface Water Management, Housing, and Water Supply.
4. Approve the City of Columbus's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

The motion carried.

2009-374 City of Rosemount 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20584-1
Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Local Planning Assistance staff member Freya Thamman presented a summary of the report and proposed actions to the Committee. Ms. Thamman informed the Committee that Eric Zweber, Senior City Planner for Rosemount, was also available to answer questions from the community's perspective.

Chair Steffen asked if the City currently has any aggregate mining. Ms. Thamman responded that the City has aggregate areas. Mr. Zweber stated that the City has about four active mines that are probably all under the size of forty acres and that the University of Minnesota is planning to extract the aggregate from the UMORE area before it would develop.

Wulff moved, seconded by Sanda that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

1. Authorize the City of Rosemount 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 it is required to submit comprehensive plan amendments to the Council as discussed in the Land Use section of the attached Review Record;
4. Forward the Council's Critical Area plan review, findings and recommendations to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and National Park Service for their records;
5. Implement the advisory comments in the transportation and forecast sections of the Review Record; and
6. Approve the City of Rosemount's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

The motion carried.

2009-371 City of Hopkins 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20512-1

Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Staff introduced Nancy Anderson, Hopkin's City Planner who would be available to answer committee questions. Staff presented an overview of the staff report. Chair Steffen asked if Hopkins was involved in all of the SW LRT alternative routes and staff answered yes, all the SW LRT routes go through Hopkins. Chair Steffen asked about the City's I/I program and whether they are doing enough. Kyle Colvin, ES staff responded that the City has addressed the issue consistent with Council policies in the Update.

Hilker moved, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

1. Authorize the City of Hopkins to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications.
2. Adopt the advisory comments for surface water management and historic preservation as presented in those sections of the review record.
3. Advise the City to participate in Council activities to monitor redevelopment in developed communities.
4. Approve the City of Hopkins' Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

The motion carried.

2009-372 City of Minnetonka 2010-2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20543-1

Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Staff introduced Loren Gordon, Minnetonka City Planner and indicated that he would be available to answer committee questions. Staff presented an overview of the staff report. Chair Steffen asked whether a preferred alternative for the SW LRT line had been selected. Mr. Gordon responded that a preferred alternative route has been recommended to Hennepin County, a route through the Opus development in Minnetonka. Chair Steffen noted that the regional systems map showed several regional trails with "LRT" as part of the name and suggested that they should be renamed once a route for the SW LRT line is finalized. Jan Youngquist, Parks, addressed the committee and advised that the trails shown in the map were leased by the Three Rivers Park District from the Hennepin County Regional Rail Authority and that the lease required that the term LRT be included in the names of each trail.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

1. Authorize the City of Minnetonka to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Adopt the advisory comments for transportation, surface water management and water supply as presented in those sections of the review record;
2. Advise the City of Minnetonka to participate in the Council's Redevelopment Monitoring program;
3. Approve the City of Minnetonka's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

The motion carried.

2009-341 Cologne 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20592-1

Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

After the staff presentation, a question was asked about whether the maps included in the report and presentation showed the Orderly Annexation Area in Benton Township. Staff replied that they did.

The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and proposed actions noted above.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

1. Authorize the City of Cologne to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect for the areas within the existing city limits and for areas identified in the City's Orderly Annexation Agreement with Benton Township when those areas are annexed to the City.
2. Adopt the advisory comments for surface water management, transportation and land use as presented in those sections of the review record;
3. Approve the City of Cologne's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan for the areas within the existing city limits.
4. Advise the City that it must submit Amendments to its Tier II sewer plan as it either annexes property, or when it enters into Orderly Annexation agreements with Benton Township.

The motion carried.

2009-375 City of Minnetrista 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20533-1
Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Staff introduced Michael Funk, Minnetrista's City Administrator; Breanne Rothstein, the Senior City Planner, and Mayor Cheryl Fischer who would be available to answer committee questions. Staff presented an overview of the staff report. Committee member Sanda asked about an area of industrial land use in the center of a large agricultural area and its connection with the MUSA. Staff responded that the area in question was outside of the MUSA, and identified the areas of MUSA in the City. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and proposed actions noted above.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

1. Authorize the City of Minnetrista to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications.
2. Adopt the advisory comments for surface water management and land use as presented in those sections of the review record.
3. Advise the City to submit its Planned Unit Development ordinances and other controls that apply to the Diversified Rural Area and that permit residential densities that could exceed the Council's policy of one unit per 10 acres to the Council.
4. Approve the City of Minnetrista's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

The motion carried.

2009-373 City of Mound 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20438-1
Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Staff introduced Jeff Miller, Planner with the Hoisington Koegler Group, the planning consultant for the City. Staff presented an overview of the staff report and requested the Committee's permission to change some language in the Transportation Advisory Comments on page 4 in the report that is sent to the full Council for action, explaining that one mapping issue was resolved but others remained. Staff proposed striking everything after the word "updated."

Sanda moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

1. Authorize the City of Mound to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications.
2. Adopt the advisory comments for transportation as presented in that section of the review record.
3. Advise the City of Mound to participate Council activities to monitor redevelopment in developed communities.
4. Approve the City of Mound's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

The motion carried.

2009-326 2009 Unified Operating Budget Amendment

Beth Reetz, Livable Communities Director presented the report to the Community Development Committee, stating this is a housekeeping request from auditors.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council amends the 2009 Unified Operating Budget by decreasing Federal Revenues as indicated. **The motion carried.**

2009-367 Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant request for Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park, Scott County

The Committee was informed that a portion of the parcel will be acquired for expanding an adjacent county highway and be financed with highway acquisition funds. The remainder of the parcel encompassing 7.05 acres will be acquired for the park. The sellers are donating \$100,000 of land value to the Regional Parks Foundation, which subsequently reduces the public's cost to acquire the parcel for the park. This is the first land donation to the Regional Parks Foundation.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of \$369,683 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Scott County to partially finance the acquisition of 7.05 acres (Novotny parcel) as part of Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park.

The motion carried.

2009-368 Amendment to FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund project list for Anoka County and reimbursement authorization for Anoka County regional park project financed with FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund appropriation

The Committee was informed that amending Anoka County's project list for its FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund appropriation had not been done in other cases where park agencies requested approval to begin spending their own funds on FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund projects. However, it was appropriate to approve the amendment to the County's project list.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council Council approve an amendment to Anoka County's FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund project list which provides \$600,000 to replace two trail bridges at Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve and defers five projects to FY 2012. **The motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary