

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
January 4, 2010

Committee Members **Chair Natalie Steffen; Vice-Chair, Tony Pistilli; Kris Sanda;**
Present: **Georgianne Hilker; Daniel Wolter; Sherry Broecker; 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, January 4, 2010.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chair Steffen changed the order of agenda business items and information items.
It was moved by Hilker seconded by Broecker, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Sanda, seconded by Broecker to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2010-1 Amendment to Lilydale/Harriet Island Regional Park master plan regarding development at Lilydale portion of park, City of St. Paul (Referral Number 50001-1)
Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the report to the Committee. The Committee asked how far sanitary sewer, electrical and water utilities would have to be extended to serve the picnic area proposed in the master plan. Council staff reported that these utilities were a few blocks away in the Harriet Island portion of the park. The specific utility cost was included as part of the \$5.54 million phase of the park's development. The original plan proposed extending utilities to serve a proposed campground and swimming beach so there was no cost differential from the original plan regarding this item. The Committee voted 7 to 1 in support of the proposed action.

Wulff moved, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the amendment to Lilydale/Harriet Island Regional Park master plan regarding development at Lilydale portion of the park, City of St. Paul (Referral Number 50001-1). **The motion carried.**

2010-12 Authorize LCA Grantees to Use LCDA and TBRA Grants Funds as Loans for LCA-Funded Projects (Paul Burns 651 602-1106)
Livable Communities Manager Paul Burns, presented the issue to the Committee. Committee members asked questions about how many grants would be involved, the need for this flexibility, the length of the loans and whether the Council should set a minimum term and security for the loans.

Wulff moved, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council authorize LCA grantees to use Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) and Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) grant funds as loans for LCA-funded project components, provided that: grantees accept responsibility for administering the grant funds as loans; and, subject to Council approval, grantees use any grant funds returned in the form of loan repayments to extend the affordability of the same project for which the grant was awarded, or returned to the Council.

The motion carried. Sanda voted no.

2010-4 Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) Funding Recommendations (Paul Burns 651 602-1106; Joanne Barron 651 602-1385; Ruth Grendahl 952 432-3828)

Planning Analyst Joanne Barron presented the report to the Committee. Ruth Grendahl, LCAC Chair, was present to answer questions. There were no questions or discussion.

Sanda moved, seconded by Pistilli that the Metropolitan Council award eight Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grants as follows:

ID, Project Name	Applicant	Eligible Request	Recommendation
A.2 Gateway Lofts *	Minneapolis	\$74,000	\$74,000
A.4 The Penfield	St. Paul	\$610,000	\$610,000
C.3 South Lewis Avenue Redevelopment	Watertown	\$366,318	\$366,318
B.2 Sienna Green Phase II	Roseville	\$202,100	\$202,100
C.1 Presbyterian Homes	Eden Prairie	\$848,300	\$848,300
A.1 Capri Block	Minneapolis	\$869,000	\$869,000
A.3 Harriet Island Boulevard / West Side Flats	St. Paul	\$750,000	\$750,000
A.5 2700 the Avenue	St. Paul	\$800,000	\$280,282
Total			\$4,000,000
A - Center Cities, B - Developed Cities, C - Developing Cities			
Projects are listed in order of evaluation ranking.			
* The applicant has requested to use the grant as a loan to a sub-recipient. The grant agreement will include required provisions to allow this practice.			

The motion carried.

2010-5 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Funding Recommendations (Marcus Martin 651 602-1054)

Senior Planner Marcus Martin presented the report to the committee that was revised from the earlier written recommendation submitted to the committee on 12/30/09. The funding recommendation recommended two projects receive funding rather than three after staff was informed on 12/31/09 that the developer of the proposed Walker Apartments, an affordable rental redevelopment, no longer intended to build the project proposed in their TBRA application. A question was raised by Council Member Wulff about how the balance of the funds remaining would be spent. The use of remaining funds will be addressed in the next Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan. The balance is typically retained for a future TBRA grant application cycle.

Wulff moved, seconded by Pistilli that the Metropolitan Council award two (2) Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) grants as follows:

Projects recommended for Fall 2009 TBRA funding	Recommended amount
Minneapolis – Lyndale Green	\$170,000
Saint Paul – Renaissance Box II	\$21,500
Total	\$191,500

The motion carried.

Information items:

[Uses of the Census and Census Outreach](#) (Libby Starling 651 602-1135)

Research Manager Libby Starling presented a PowerPoint to the committee providing census information and the importance of collecting the data.

Family Affordable Housing Program Resident Education and Home Maintenance (Terri Smith 651 602-1187)

HRA manager Terri Smith presented information on the FAHP residents' education in home maintenance to the committee.

Discussion of responses to Council Member Pistilli's HousingLink questions

The committee had the opportunity to discuss questions raised by CM Pistilli regarding the HousingLink program. Liveable Communities Director, Beth Reetz clarified the importance of the information, and the agreement between the Council and the vendor.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, January 19, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Steffen adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary