

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, April 18, 2011

Committee Members Present: **Gary Cunningham, Chair; Jon Commers, Vice-Chair; Steven T. Chávez, Steven Elkins, Richard Kramer, Sandra Rummel, Roxanne Smith, Wendy Wulff**

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Cunningham called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Chávez seconded by Smith, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2011 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

[2011-104](#) Minnesota River Bluffs Extension & Scott County Connection Regional Trail Master Plan and Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grants, Scott and Carver County (Arne Stefferud 651 602-1360)

Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Wulff moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Minnesota River Bluffs Extension & Scott County Connection Regional Trail Master Plan (Referral No. 50005-1).
2. Authorize a grant of \$579,268 from the Parks and Trails Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Scott County to partially finance the acquisition of 1.76 miles of the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad Chaska Industrial Lead Corridor. The grant should be financed with:
\$347,561 from the FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund appropriation
\$231,707 Metropolitan Council bonds
3. Authorize a grant of \$506,185 from the Parks and Trails Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Carver County to partially finance the acquisition of 1.56 miles of the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad Chaska Industrial Lead Corridor. The grant should be financed with:
\$303,711 from the FY 2011 Parks and Trails Fund appropriation
\$202,474 Metropolitan Council bonds

The Committee asked if the regional trail would link to trails managed by the MN Dept. of Natural Resources in the Louisville Swamp. Council staff replied that it would. **The motion**

carried.

2011-105 2012-17 Metro Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program Policy Review (Arne Stefferud 651 602-1360)

Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Chávez moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council reaffirms the following policy positions for Metro Regional Parks capital spending:

1. Issue \$7 million of short term bonds annually to provide a \$2 match to \$3 of State appropriations for the Council's Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund grants and to State bonds appropriated for the Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program (Parks CIP). Half of the Council bonds are allocated to each program each year.
2. Request \$10.5 million of State bonds in June 2011 as the preliminary State bonding request for the 2012 Legislative session to finance 60% of the 2012-13 Regional Parks CIP.
3. Continue to determine the amount each of the 10 regional park agencies receive from the 2012-13 Regional Parks CIP based on the following formula:
 - 70% based on each park agency's share of the region's population, and
 - 30% based on each park agency's share of non-local visits it hosted. ("non-local visits" are visits by persons that do not live in the park agency's jurisdiction).
 - Data for each part of the formula should come from the same year.

In response to questions, the committee was informed that projects proposed to be funded in the Parks CIP must be consistent with Metropolitan Council approved park or trail master plans. Those plans are updated periodically and reviewed by the Council. The regional park implementing agencies submit funding requests within their allocation of the Parks CIP. If projects come in under budget, they can request amendments to a grant to allow it to finance additional projects consistent with Council approved park or trail master plans. The Metropolitan Council requests State appropriations for the Parks CIP at levels that the Council can match under the \$2 of Council bond match to \$3 of State funds policy. **The motion carried.**

INFORMATION

Orientation presentation

Local Planning Assistance – Implementation of the Land Planning Act (Phyllis Hanson 651 602-1566)

Local Planning Assistance Manager Phyllis Hanson provided an overview to the committee on the LPA unit. She explained the role of LPA, the planning process, and LPA programs and activities.

2011-106 City of Afton 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20736-1
(Lisa Barajas 651 602-1895)

Senior Planner LisaBeth Barajas presented the staff report to the Community Development Committee.

Chávez moved, seconded by Elkins that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comment and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

Authorize the City of Afton to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications.

Adopt the revised forecasts for population and households for the City of Afton as detailed in Table 1 in the attached Review Record.

Advise the City to send to the Council the dates that the Valley Branch, South Washington, and Middle St. Croix Watershed districts approve the City's local surface water management plan (SWMP), the date that the City adopts the final SWMP, and a copy of the final SWMP.

Barajas introduced Afton City Council member Peg Nolz and Planning Commission Chair Barbara Ronningen. A committee member asked which cities in the Metro are in the same classification of diversified/rural. Ms. Barajas deferred to Guy Peterson, the Director of Community Development and he stated research would be done to provide a list of which communities fall into that classification. **The motion carried.**

2011-107 City of New Trier 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20752-1 (Patrick Boylan 651 602-1438)

Local Planning Assistance staff member Patrick Boylan presented the report and the proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

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

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the City of New Trier to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Adopt the advisory comments and recommendations in the Transportation, Surface Water Management, SSTS, and Water Supply sections.

Councilmember Wulff commented that the previous Council had discussed looking into

developing alternate review standards and processes for small communities with no regional systems and no-growth scenarios that the Council should consider.

Chairman Cunningham noted the comment. **The motion carried.**

2011-109 City of Ramsey Comprehensive Plan Amendment 20652-2 Legacy Christian Academy (Susan Hoyt 651 602-1330)

Planning Analyst, Susan Hoyt, presented the report and the proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

1. Smith moved, seconded by Elkins that the Metropolitan Council Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Ramsey to put the Legacy Christian Academy Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Adopt the City forecasts in Table 1.

Councilmember Elkins asked if the Legacy Christian Academy was in the Ramsey Town Center (now named COR). Ramsey Planner, Tim Gladhill, responded that the school is about 1,000 feet to the west of the COR and will be connected by walking trails. **The motion carried.**

INFORMATION

Orientation Presentation

Corridors of Opportunity – Planning for Livability and Sustainability in our Region
Mark Vander Schaaf, Director of Planning & Growth Management, and Allison Brummel, Project Manager, presented an overview to the committee on the Corridors of Opportunity – Planning for Livability and Sustainability in our Region project created from a federal grant. The committee was given a background on the Foundation, a Corridors of Opportunity vision, projects and the process for projects and the administration of projects.

2011-110 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Sub-recipient Agreements (Allison Brummel 651 602-1363)

Project Manger Allison Brummel presented the report and the proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Elkins moved, seconded by Kramer that the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Sub-recipient Agreements with 9 consortium partners of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant (SCRPG), totaling \$2,823,000.

The only question about this business item pertained to how the various projects and partners were selected. Staff answered that this process was led by the Policy Board, and took place during the application development phase in 2010. Policy Board members had a dialogue with their senior staff and others to determine which projects should be included. The projects that were identified and included in the proposal were the ones that were subsequently funded by HUD. **The motion carried.**

2011-111 Resolution Changing Community Development Committee Meeting
Time, Resolution No. 2011-09 (Guy Peterson 651 602-1418)

Elkins moved, seconded by Chavez that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution 2011-09 changing the meeting time of the Community Development Committee's regular meeting from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **The motion carried.**

INFORMATION

Community Development Committee 2011 Work Plan (Guy Peterson 651 603-1418)

Community Development Director Guy Peterson presented to the committee an overview of activities the committee could expect this upcoming year.

Chair requested a work flow (Gant) chart of this year's activities.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on May 2, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary