

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, September 19, 2011

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Commers called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Munt to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2011 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee with a correction to an error in attendance, Jon Commers was not present at the 8/15/2011 CDC meeting. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2011-252 Approval of 2012 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan (Terri Smith 651 602-1187)

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

Rummel moved, seconded by Smith that the Metropolitan Council approve the 2012 Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan), 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).

A Committee Member asked if income limits for the Section 8 program apply each year or if they only apply at initial entry to the program. Staff responded that income limits only apply at new admission. However staff completes a full review of each household's income annually. If during that review 30% of a participant's income exceeds the unit rent, they no longer qualify for the Section 8 program. **The motion carried.**

2011-253 Establish Public Hearing for LCA Affordable and Lifecycle Housing Goals for the City of Orono for 2011-2020 (Paul Burns 651 602-1106)

Livable Communities manager Paul Burns presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Wulff moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council conduct a public hearing on November 21, 2011, at 4:30 P.M. in the Metropolitan Council Chambers to receive comment on the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Account (LCA LHIA) Affordable and

Lifecycle Housing goals adopted by the City of Orono on November 22, 2010 for 2011-2020.

No questions from the committee. **The motion carried.**

2011-254 Hennepin County 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review No. 20429-1 (Denise Engen 651 602-1513)

Senior Planner Denise Engen presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Munt moved, seconded by Chavez that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Authorize Hennepin County (County) to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Advise the County to implement the advisory comments noted in the Review Record for Roads & Transit, Aviation, Surface Water Management, Forecasts and Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems.

Chair Commers called for discussion. Council Member Wulff noted that most other comprehensive plans had been reviewed by the Committee some time ago, and inquired about reason for the delay in the preparation of County's Update. Bob Beyers, Hennepin County Transportation staff, responded that, as seen in the Review Record, the County had initially submitted the Update in late 2008, but that it had taken until recently to complete the transportation portion of the Update. **The motion carried.**

2011-256 Scott County Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Transportation Text and Commercial Land Use Change Review File No. 20402-3 (Tom Caswell 651 602-1319)

Senior Planner Tom Caswell presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

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

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow Scott County to put the Transportation Text and Commercial Land Use Change comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Advise the County of the advisory comments for water resources and transportation.
3. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the County's forecasts.

Council member Elkins noted that connecting County Road 27 to Trunk Highway 13 has been in discussion for decades, and asked if the connection is still a viable option.

Brad Davis, Planning Manager for Scott County, responded although there are obstacles including protection of the Savage Fen, the County is still hopeful that the connection can be made in the future.

Vice-Chair Commers asked what impact there may be from reclassifying roads, and if there are any financial implications related to reclassification.

Mr. Davis responded that the County subdivision ordinances specify how much right of way

needs to be preserved and is based on the future functional classification. The County sees this as primarily a preservation tool to ensure proper future function of various roads. As to the funding implications, Craig Jenson, Scott County transportation planner, stated that all solicitations are on a competitive basis, and as these are primarily rural roads, they would not be competitive with other more urban roadways. **The motion carried.**

2011-255 Amend scope of three Anoka County regional park grants SG-2010-027, 028 and 073, Anoka County (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

1. Authorize an amendment to grant SG-2010-027 which amends the scope of the grant to include the following statements in the Development Project portion of the grant agreement:

“Up to \$25,000 of the remaining balance in the grant may be used to supplement the development project financed in Grant SG-2010-029 at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park.

Up to \$75,000 of the remaining balance in the grant may be used at Lake George Regional Park for reconstruction of the beach retaining wall.”

2. Authorize an amendment to grant SG-2010-028 which amends the scope of the grant to include the following underlined language in the Development Project portion of the grant agreement:

“At Lake George Regional Park, demolish existing restroom building, and construct a new accessible restroom building, landscape restoration, utilities, site furnishings, signage, plus design, engineering and reconstruction of the beach retaining wall, fees and contingencies.

3. Authorize an amendment to grant SG-2010-073 which amends the scope of the grant to include the following underlined language in section 2 (Grantee Duties or Grant Project) of the grant agreement:

“At Martin-Island-Linwood Lakes Regional Park, redevelop the existing public boat access to Martin Lake, including paving the parking lot, reconstructing the boat ramp and installing a courtesy dock. Up to \$20,000 may be used to supplement a \$400,000 Fiscal Year 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund grant for the design and construction of a boat launch at Mississippi West Regional Park.

The Committee noted that allowing park agencies to re-purpose left-over funds from grants instead of returning any unused amount back to the Metropolitan Council encouraged park agencies to work hard to contain costs for the original project and maximize what the grant can finance.

The Committee asked if additional projects were proposed before or after the initial grant projects were completed. Metropolitan Council staff replied that additional projects are proposed after the park agency knows it has left over funds from the initial grant project. The initial project is completed or nearly completed when a request to expand the grant’s scope is

made. **The motion carried.**

INFORMATION

LCA Expected Results/Outcomes

Livable Communities Director Beth Reetz presented to the committee a PowerPoint overview of the work of the LCA.

Ms. Reetz explained the Livable Communities programs, background, statutory criteria and guidelines, scoring criteria for Fund distribution plans; TBRA, LCDA, LHIA, LAAND and program outcomes; job, tax capacity, and private investment.

Update on Development of LCA TOD Fund

Community Development Director Guy Peterson provided to the committee a PowerPoint presentation introduction of the development of a new LCA TOD fund program. Mr. Peterson explained the proposed grant categories, parameters, program criteria, and equity considerations.

[2012-17 Parks CIP](#)

Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud provided the committee an overview of the Parks Capital Improvement Plan, and funding.

Mr. Stefferud explained the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund allocation for the Metropolitan Regional Park System.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on October 3, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Commers adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary