

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, March 5, 2012

Committee Members Present: **Gary Cunningham, Chair; Steven T. Chávez, Steven Elkins, Richard Kramer, Jennifer Munt, 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 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-83 Community Development Committee 2012 Work Plan

Community Development Director Guy Peterson presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Kramer moved, seconded by Smith that the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2012 Community Development Committee Work Plan as described below as the foundation of its work in 2012 with the understanding that changes and additions may be made during the year by the Committee as needed.

Review and take necessary action regarding:

- LCA Annual Fund Distribution Plan – March and May
- Recommendations for Livable Communities Act grants
- Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) – April, August, December
- Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) – April, August, November
- Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) – November

- 2012-2017 Parks Capital Improvement Program – April-June
- 2013 Budget discussion – March-April
- 2013 Community Development Division annual budget – July
- Public Housing Agency Plan including Section 8 Administrative Plan
- Set Public Hearing date – May
- Public Hearing – August
- Approve PHA Plan - October

- Comprehensive Plan Updates and Comprehensive Plan Amendments – ongoing

- Regional park and trail grants - ongoing

- Parks and Trails Master Plan reviews - ongoing
- Annual Payment Standards and Utility Allowance Schedule for HRA programs - September

2012 Initiatives:

- Revisions to the Guidelines for Priority Funding for Housing Performance – March
- Housing Policy Plan – Progress Reports – Review and Comment – March, June, September, December
- Conversion of the Planning Assistance Loans program to a Planning Assistance Grant program - April

Information / Report Presentations

- Livable Communities Annual Affordability Limits - February
- LCA Fund Distribution Plan – March
- Quarterly updates on the Corridors of Opportunity – March, July, October
 - Reports from the Land Use Advisory Committee – April, August, December
- LCA TOD grants program criteria revisions – May
 - Fiscal Disparities Report - May
 - Agricultural Preserves Report - May
 - Regular reports from Council Research - Metro Stats
- Annual building permits – residential - May
- Annual building permits – non-residential – June
- Population estimates - July
- Affordable Housing Production Survey - September
- Results from American Community Survey – metro comparisons - September
- Results from American Community Survey local analysis – December
- 2008 Comprehensive Plan Update Policy Analysis and Implementation – June
- Revisions to the Local Planning Handbook – August / September
- Plat Monitoring Report – 2011 – September
- Metro Residents Survey – October
- LCA LCDA Funding Recommendations from the LCAC – November

Invited Speaker Follow-up to CoW – RDF Presentations

- As requested, speakers before the CoW or others may be invited for more in-depth presentation and discussion.

Chair Cunningham commented he appreciates all the research and data, but somehow want to pull all the information together to tell a story.

Mr. Peterson responded the Committee of the Whole topics and the Regional Development Framework discussion help tie the issues together. **The motion carried.**

INFORMATION

Report on Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Appropriations for Metropolitan Regional Park System

Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented to the committee a PowerPoint on the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Appropriation. He provided an overview of the Metropolitan Regional Park System, Park & Trail visitors, how funds are distributed to Metro Regional Park agencies, strategic directions for a 25 year Parks & Trails Legacy plan, and 2010 FY expenditures.

Housing Policy Plan – Background and Initial Steps

Housing Policy Analyst Katie Hatt and Livable Communities Director Beth Reetz presented a PowerPoint to the committee on a new housing policy plan being developed for the Metropolitan Council. Ms. Hatt and Ms. Reetz provided information on the Metropolitan Land Use Planning Act, previous housing policy initiatives, the need for a regional housing policy plan, potential objectives for the new policy plan, planning partners, and outreach and information gathering options.

2013 Budget Considerations

Community Development Director Guy Peterson presented information on the 2013 Budget. Mr. Peterson explained the process of gathering input from the CDC on priorities, goals and initiative for 2013. This discussion with the committee will help to:

- clarify the Committee's priorities,
- determine if existing resources can or should be realigned/reassigned to accomplish the priorities,
- determine if new/additional resources should be budgeted,
- identify the consequences/costs/risks of realigning and/or adding resources for the 2013 budget.

Examples prompted from previous conversations include:

If the Committee's desire is to increase and/or enhance the Council's policy research capabilities and capacity, additional research staff/expertise will need to be added. How is this accomplished? Add staff? At what cost/risk? Realign staff? At what cost/risk?

If the Committee's desire is to continue Transit Oriented Development funding efforts once the use of LCA fund balances are exhausted, what funding sources

can or should be identified/used/reallocated? At what costs/risks?

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on March 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary