

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, June 18, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Cunningham and Vice-Chair Commers were delayed so Council Member Chávez called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:35 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Elkins seconded by Kramer, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Elkins, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2012 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-127 Public Hearing, *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* Amendment presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee. Planning Analyst Jan Youngquist presented the staff report and public hearing information to the Community Development Committee.

Smith moved, seconded by Elkins that the Metropolitan Council conduct a public hearing on June 18, 2012 as part of its Community Development Committee meeting to obtain public input regarding amending the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* to:

- Recognize the Minnetrista Regional Trail Search Corridor and Intercity Regional Trail as components of the regional parks system;
- Clarify Finance Strategy 6 as shown in Figure 6;
- Make minor corrections as shown in Figure 8.

The hearing record shall remain open until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 28, 2012.

No questions or discussion. **The motion carried.**

2012-195 LCA Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Grant Recommendations Livable Communities manager Paul Burns presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Commers moved, seconded by Chavez that the Metropolitan Council award 13 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) grants as follows:

Projects recommended for May 2012 TBRA funding cycle:	Recommended amount
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Contamination Site Investigation	
Hopkins – Lutheran Digest	\$26,200
Minneapolis – Fountain Residential	\$24,000
Newport – Knauff Salvage Yard	\$50,000
Contamination Cleanup	
Brooklyn Center EDA – Lifetime	\$525,000
Crystal EDA – Cavanagh School	\$200,000
Minneapolis – 1101 University	\$173,400
Minneapolis – 1515 Central	\$285,900
Minneapolis – Brunsville Place	\$38,400
Minneapolis – Dwell at Calhoun	\$226,500
Minneapolis – Pillsbury Lofts (A Mill Artist Lofts)	\$439,300
Saint Paul – Starkey Building	\$171,800
Saint Paul – Midway Corner	\$210,400
Scott County CDA (Elko New Market) – Senior Housing II	\$4,100
TOTAL	\$2,375,000

Committee members asked questions about how the scores for affordable housing fit into the TBRA application review process. They asked staff to report back with additional information on the scoring for criteria for all Livable Communities Act grant programs.

The motion carried.

2012-196 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve, Anoka County
 Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Kramer moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$268,072 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Anoka County to finance 75% of the acquisition costs to acquire the 85 acre Preiner parcel as depicted in Figure 1 for Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:

- \$110,547 from the 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation
- \$ 50,296 from the 2011 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation
- \$107,229 from Metropolitan Council bonds

No questions or discussion. **The motion carried.**

2012-197 Change Scope of Grant SG-2011-123, Scott County

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

Kramer moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council approve a change to the scope of grant SG-2011-123 to Scott County so that the \$291,000 grant can be used for work related to phase 1 development of Spring Lake Regional Park (removal of Co. Rd. 81 from the park, construct 3 miles of trail, a parking lot, restroom building and an off-leash dog park, plus natural resource restoration).

No questions or discussion. **The motion carried.**

2012-198 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Big Marine Park Reserve, Washington County

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

Chávez moved, seconded by Kramer that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$329,550 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Washington County to finance 75% of the acquisition costs to acquire the 2.65 acre Knauff parcel as depicted in Figure 1 for Big Marine Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:

\$197,730 from the 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation
\$131,820 from Metropolitan Council bonds

No questions or discussion. **The motion carried.**

2012-199 Master plan amendment of boundary for Above the Falls Regional Park and approval of FY 2012 and FY 2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund financed grants, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

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

Chávez moved, seconded by Kramer that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Above the Falls Regional Park Master Plan Amendment regarding the Scherer Lumber Company Site (Referral No. 50024-1).
2. Approve the following grants from the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board's share of FY 2012 and FY 2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriations to finance the acquisition costs of Parcels B and C as depicted in Figure 2.

Parks & Trails Legacy Fund	Grant
FY 2012	\$1,469,000
FY 2013	\$1,429,970

The Committee discussed the proposed construction of Hall's Island shown in the master plan amendment. Metropolitan Council staff noted that the island existed at one time and that a concept to create it was being considered in the updated master plan for all of Above the Falls Regional Park. That updated master plan would be presented to the Metropolitan Council for

its consideration in early 2013. The island may or may not be proposed in that master plan. Council member Wulff noted that this recommendation was limited to considering amending the park boundary to include a portion of the former Scherer Lumber parcel and to award grants to finance that additional land acquisition.

The motion carried.

2012-200 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve, Scott County

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

Chávez moved, seconded by Smith that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$448,370 from the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Scott County to finance 75% of the acquisition costs to acquire the 84 acre Wells Fargo parcels as depicted in Figure 1 for Blakeley Bluffs Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:

\$269,022 from the FY 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation
\$179,348 from Metropolitan Council bonds

No questions or discussion. **The motion carried.**

2012-201 Amend Four Fiscal Year 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund grants to Anoka County
Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Chávez moved, seconded by Elkins that the Metropolitan Council authorize amendments to the following grant agreements with Anoka County:

- 1) Reduce grant SG-2011-100, Mississippi West Regional Park boat launch from \$400,000 to \$382,000.
- 2) Expand the scope of grant SG-2011-101, Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Park Reserve day camp redevelopment to include funding for roadway improvements, and storm water drainage restoration and improvements because the grant is large enough to finance this additional work.
- 3) Reduce grant SG-2011-104, Volunteer Resource Development Coordinator from \$80,000 to \$65,000.
- 4) Increase grant SG-2011-103, Conservation Corp of Minnesota from \$108,000 to \$141,000 with the reductions from grants SG-2011-100 and SG-2011-104.

No questions or discussion. **The motion carried.**

2012-183 2012 Unified Capital Program Amendment

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

Wulff moved, seconded by Elkins that the Metropolitan Council Amend the 2012 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing it \$4,436,800 for the year 2012 and increasing the multi-year authorization by \$5,271,287 for Parks and Open Space;
Approve the projects under “Increasing Funding Commitments” as detailed in Attachment 1.

No questions or discussion. Council Member Commers abstained from voting. **The motion carried.**

2012-156 2012 Unified Operating Budget Amendment

Livable Communities Director Beth Reetz presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Elkins moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2012 Unified Operating Budget in accordance with the table below:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Revised</u>
HRA Operating Revenue	\$ 6,553,631	\$ 6,507,512
HRA Operating Expense	\$ 6,238,890	\$ 6,238,890
Projected Surplus/Deficit	\$ 314,741	\$ 268,622
HRA Pass Through Revenue	\$ 50,569,490	\$53,790,000
HRA Pass Through Expense	\$ 50,569,490	\$53,790,000
CD Division (non HRA) Operating Revenue	\$ 4,492,985	\$4,567,985
CD Division (non HRA) Operating Expense	\$ 4,492,985	\$4,567,985

No questions or discussion. **The motion carried.**

2012-202 The Approval of HUD Sub- Recipient Grant Agreements – Sustainable Communities Local Implementation Capacity Planning Grant

Corridors of Opportunity Staff member, Susan Hoyt, presented the request to approve nine sub-recipient grant agreements for TOD predevelopment projects through the Corridors of Opportunity Local Implementation Grant.

Chávez moved, seconded by Smith that the Metropolitan Council The Committee is being asked to approve sub-recipient grant agreements in the amount of \$953,000 with nine entities that were awarded Local Implementation Capacity (LIC) grants by the Corridors of Opportunity Policy Board. The grants were awarded for projects along transitway corridors that promote the principles of transit oriented development (TOD). The entities are:

Project for Pride in Living Hamline Station* \$ 200,000
Aurora St. Anthony CDC Old Home Redevelopment 100,000
The Cornerstone Group Prospect Park Station* 300,000
L & H L & H Station 114,750

LISC (Local Initiative Support Corp) Corridor Development Initiative + 70,000
Aeon/YMCA YMCA Site Selection 50,000
City of Minneapolis E. Downtown Parking Lot Study 43,250
Hennepin County SW Corridor Housing Inventory 25,000
City of Hopkins 8th Avenue Corridor* 50,000
\$ 953,000

*also received LCA TOD funds

The Corridors of Opportunity Policy Board had the authority to approve this one time grant program. She explained that the Metropolitan Council must approve the sub-recipient agreements for these predevelopment TOD projects awarded because the Metropolitan Council is the grantee for the HUD grant. CM Smith asked how the ranking criteria for equity was evaluated. Hoyt explained that the Grant Review Committee had a few different perspectives. These included if the project provided or preserved affordable housing units, had community support in an underrepresented community and/or created a sense of pride with the proposed project in a community. Chair Cunningham asked why this Local Implementation Capacity Grant was administered separately from the Metropolitan Council's LCA TOD grants given that they both had the same objective and could support each other. Hoyt replied that the HUD project preceded the LCA TOD Grant by a year (2010) so the implementation work was underway prior to the initiation of the LCA TOD Grant. She explained that the criteria for the two grants were similar and that the Local Implementation Capacity Grant used the LCA TOD application for its application. In addition, the Local Implementation Grants were made with the knowledge and intent to support the LCA TOD grants; three Local Implementation Grants went to LCA TOD funded projects. Chair Cunningham asked why the grants did not have more geographic distribution. Hoyt replied that there was no mandated geographic distribution for the grant funds. The grant applications were received for SW, Central, Hiawatha and Northstar. The Northstar application did not rank high enough for funding.

The motion carried.

INFORMATION

Analysis of Council Authorities – Comprehensive Planning and Zoning

Deputy General Counsel Dave Theisen presented an information item to the Community Development Committee regarding the Metropolitan Council Roles and Responsibilities and the Metropolitan Land Planning Act.

He provided an overview on the historical background, the Metropolitan Council's responsibilities, local government's responsibilities and planning assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on July 16, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary