

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, July 16, 2012

Committee Members Present: **Gary Cunningham, Chair; Jon Commers, Vice-Chair; Steven T. Chávez, Steven Elkins, Richard Kramer, Jennifer Munt, Sandra Rummel, 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, July 16, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Commers, seconded by Munt to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2012 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-225 City of Plymouth Request for Project Change to the LCDA Grant *9805 Highway 55 Apartments*

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

Wulff moved, seconded by Commers that the Metropolitan Council approve a change in the Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grant number SG011-140 to the City of Plymouth for \$750,000 for the *9805 Highway 55 Apartments*, reducing the percentage of affordable units from 40% to 10%.

Project developer Jim Barnes spoke to the committee regarding the housing stock and obstacles in funding resulting in the reduced number of affordable housing units. Committee members asked if changes in mortgage insurance and lack of tax credits affect projects' funding and will new funding be issued. Mr. Burns responded we may see projects again, funding packages vary, and it is hard to predict. **The motion carried.**

2012-226 City of White Bear Lake Request for Project Change to the LCDA Grant for *Boat Works Square* (Paul Burns 651-602-1106)

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

Rummel moved, seconded by Kramer that the Metropolitan Council ~~deny~~ approve a change in the Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grant number SG008-120 to the City of White Bear Lake for \$1,385,036 for *Boat Works Square* because the proposed change is a significantly different project than the one ranked in the grant round, and will not deliver the same green roof demonstration values as the project for which the grant was awarded.

Commerz abstained from discussion and voting. Chávez voted no.

White Bear Lake Mayor Jo Emerson and White Bear Lake Community Development Director Anne Kane presented a PowerPoint to the committee regarding this project and the changes in the plans.

White Bear Lake Homeowner Association President Mike Crary presented to the committee his opposition of this plan by providing a history of this plan, approvals and changes.

The committee discussed the changes to the plan, grant guidelines, and LCDA funds.

The motion carried.

2012-227 City of Crystal, Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Cavanagh School Redevelopment, Review No. 20598-2 (Denise Engen 651 602-1513)

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

Kramer moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council Adopts the attached review record and allows the City of Crystal to put the *Cavanagh School Redevelopment* comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.

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

2012-228 2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan Amendment Approval (Jan Youngquist 651 602-1029) presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Chávez moved, seconded by Elkins that the Metropolitan Council the amended *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*

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

2012-229 Point Douglas Regional Trail Master Plan, Washington County (Referral No. 50018-1) (Jan Youngquist 651-602-1029)

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

Wulff moved, seconded by Elkins that the Metropolitan Council approve the Point Douglas Regional Trail Master Plan (Referral No. 50018-1).

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

INFORMATION

Population Estimates and Development Patterns (Libby Starling 651 602-1135)
Under Minnesota Statute 473.24, the Metropolitan Council is responsible for preparing local population and household estimates for the cities and townships in the Twin Cities seven-county area. These estimates are the official population and household estimates for State government purposes and are used to determine local government aid (LGA) and local street aid allocations. By July 15 of each year, the Metropolitan Council certifies the estimates of population and the average household

size to the State Demographer and to the Commissioner of Revenue.

Corridors of Opportunity Direct Investment and Results (Allison Bell 651 602-1363;
Mary Kay Bailey 651 325-4234)

Outline of the financial investments that are taking place through the initiative. The sources and uses of funding for transit-oriented development projects around the region, as well as the expected outcomes from these projects. Description of how these investments align with other Metropolitan Council investments, especially those made through the LCA TOD program. And the next steps relating to these investments and Corridors of Opportunity.

Presentation of 2013 Operating Budget (Guy Peterson 651 602-1418)

PowerPoint presentation of the Community Development Division 2013 Operating Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on August 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary