

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
Monday, August 20, 2012

Committee Members Present: **Gary Cunningham, Chair; Jon Commers, Vice-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, August 20, 2012.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

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

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2012 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

**BUSINESS**

**2012-258** Public Hearing, Public Housing Agency Plan

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

The PHA plan is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for all agencies operating the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program.

The proposed 2013 PHA Plan has been available for public review for the past 45 days.

The public record will remain open until 4:30 pm on September 4, 2012.

The final version of the 2013 PHA plan will be presented to the Community Development Committee on October 1 and the Metropolitan Council on October 10.

No one from the audience requested to speak to the committee, Elkins moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council close the public comment portion of the hearing.

**2012-259** LCA Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Recommendations

Senior Planner Marcus Martin presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Chávez moved, seconded by Commers that the Metropolitan Council award 8 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) investigation grants as follows:

Projects recommended for 2012 TBRA Round 2 funding	Recommended amount
<b>Contamination Site Investigation</b>	
Minneapolis - Adams	\$4,300
Minneapolis - Barrington	\$3,300
Minneapolis - Commons at Penn	\$22,500
Minneapolis - Elms	\$4,100
Minneapolis - Heritage Park Outlot C	\$50,000
Minneapolis - Maryland	\$3,400
Minneapolis - Paige Hall	\$1,200
Waconia - 77 Hwy 5	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,800</b>

### **Background**

The TBRA is one of three active accounts established by the Livable Communities Act (Minnesota Statutes §473.25). The TBRA awards grants for the cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated land and buildings. Only requests for environmental site *investigation* are eligible this cycle. The funding recommendations proposed are evaluated based on criteria adopted annually by the Metropolitan Council as part of the Livable Communities Fund Distribution Plan (see

[http://councilmeetings.metc.state.mn.us/council\\_meetings/2012/0328/0328\\_2012\\_91.pdf](http://councilmeetings.metc.state.mn.us/council_meetings/2012/0328/0328_2012_91.pdf)).

Funding totaling over \$93M has been awarded since the start of the grant program in 1996.

Mr. Martin answered questions from the Committee about the applications and the review process. **The motion carried.**

### **2012-261 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.

Wulff moved, seconded by Chavez that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$353,996 from 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 2.58 acre Croone parcel as depicted in Figure 1 for Big Marine Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:

\$212,398 from the FY 2012 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation  
\$141,598 from Metropolitan Council bonds

The Community Development Committee had no questions. **The motion carried.**

**2012-262** Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Above the Falls Regional Park, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board  
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 authorize a grant of up to \$608,814 from Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to the Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board to finance 75% of the acquisition costs to acquire the 1.74 acre parcel at 1720 Marshall St. NE as depicted in Figure 1 and Figure 2 for Above the Falls Regional Park. The grant should be financed with:

\$354,561 from the FY 2012 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation  
\$ 10,727 from the FY 2013 Parks and Trails Legacy Fund appropriation  
\$243,526 from Metropolitan Council bonds

The Community Development Committee had no questions. Council member Commers abstained from voting. **The motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

### Corridors of Opportunity Community Engagement

Planning Analyst Susan Hoyt presented to the Community Development Committee information on the Corridors of Opportunity Community engagement activities and process.

### Fair Housing Equity Assessment – Progress Update

Planning Analyst Katie Hatt and Baris Gumus-Dawes presented to the Community Development Committee information on the Fair Housing Equity Assessment program and an update on current activities.

### 2012 Community Development Committee Work Plan

Community Development Division Director Guy Peterson presented to the Community Development Committee review the Committee's work plan and new additions and changes to the plan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Business completed Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner  
Recording Secretary