

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, September 17, 2012

Committee Members Present: **Gary Cunningham, Chair; 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 Cunningham called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Chávez to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2012 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-293 City of Lakeland 2011 System Statement, Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 20519-2

Senior Planner Patrick Boylan presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Commers moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Lakeland to put the 2011 System Statement comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

The committee had no questions or further discussion. **The motion carried.**

2012-260 Proposed Changes for Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grants Rules
Acting Parks Manager Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

1. Chávez moved, seconded by Munt that the Metropolitan Council Conduct a public hearing on November 19, 2012 as part of its Community Development Committee meeting regarding amending the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* to:
 - Replace the rules for Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grants found in Chapter 4 Finance of the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* with those described in this memorandum; and
 - Replace System Protection Strategy 3 of the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* as described in this memorandum.

The hearing record shall remain open until 4:30 p.m., November 30, 2012.

2. Direct staff to publish public hearing notices and distribute copies of the proposed amendment to the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* under the Council's administrative procedure for public hearings.

The Committee was informed by Council member Wulff, that the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) spent several meetings to prepare these proposed rules. As the Metropolitan Council's liaison to the MPOSC she was not able to participate in all the meetings due to scheduling conflicts. She noted that at one time a proposed rule calling for a minimum cash match from the park agencies was proposed, but that was dropped at the meeting she was not able to attend. Since the requested action was to schedule a hearing on the rules, there would be opportunity to further consider them based on the hearing report before acting to adopt the rules. **The motion carried.**

2012-297 Change in scope of Grant SG-2010-025 and grant authorized in June 2012, Dakota County Acting Parks Manager Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

1. Wulff moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council Authorize a second amendment to Grant SG-2010-025 to Dakota County which changes the scope of the grant to partially fund the match to \$2 million of federal grants and supplement \$1,039,000 of Parks and Trails Legacy Fund financed grants for the engineering, acquisition and construction of portions of the North Urban, Mississippi River, Big Rivers and Minnesota River Regional Trails.
2. Revise the scope of the \$40,000 grant to Dakota County approved on June 27, 2012 (Agenda item 2012-183) to partially fund the match to \$2 million of federal grants and supplement \$1,039,000 of Parks and Trails Legacy Fund financed grants for the engineering, acquisition and construction of portions of the North Urban, Mississippi River, Big Rivers and Minnesota River Regional Trails.

The committee had no questions or further discussion. **The motion carried.**

2012-294 Board Resolution 2012-030 Authorizing grant execution for Minnesota Housing Rental Assistance for Anoka County (RAAC)
HRA Manager Terri Smith presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Chávez moved, seconded by Rummel that the Metropolitan Council adopt a resolution, required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute continuation of a grant agreement with Minnesota Housing for the Rental Assistance in Anoka County (RAAC) program.

The committee had no questions or further discussion. **The motion carried.**

2012-295 Rosemount Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 20584-5

Senior Planner Patrick Boylan presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

- 1 Wulff moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Rosemount to put the Rosemount Comprehensive Plan Amendment comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect with a change in language in report indicating the CPA is consistent with affordable housing.
- 2 Find that the proposed CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

Councilmember Commers noted that the Staff Report states that the CPA is inconsistent with affordable housing policy. Boylan replied that it the Amendment proposal is consistent with affordable housing and will make the necessary text changes. **The motion carried.**

2012-296 LCA Grant Amendment Procedures

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

Wulff moved, seconded by Rummel that the Metropolitan Council approve the attached ***Livable Communities Act Grant Amendment Process***, as revised, for amendments to Livable Communities Act grant agreements.

The committee had no questions or further discussion. **The motion carried.**

INFORMATION

2013 Community Development Division Operating Budget

Community Development Division Director Guy Peterson presented to the Committee a PowerPoint explaining the 2013 Community Development Division operating budget; initiatives and priorities, expenses, revenue sources, LCA/TOD funding,

2013-18 Proposed Regional Parks Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Acting Parks manager Arne Stefferud presented this information regarding the 2013-18 Proposed Regional Parks Capital Improvement Plan portion of the 2013 Unified Capital Program.

Minnesota Statute 473.147 authorizes the Metropolitan Council to prepare a multi-year capital improvement program for the Metropolitan Regional Parks System. This is a briefing on the 2013-18 Proposed Regional Parks Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). It is part of the 2013 Unified Capital Program, which the Council will conduct a public hearing on later this autumn.

The Regional Parks Capital Improvement Plan allocates State appropriations and Metropolitan Council bonds among the ten regional park implementing agencies. The allocations are based on formulas in the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* and State law. This briefing illustrates the amount of existing/authorized spending and planned spending based on reasonable assumptions. It also illustrates the amount each park agency may receive in planned spending in calendar years 2013-14 based on those assumptions and following the applicable allocation formula.

This briefing illustrates the existing/authorized spending of \$63.3 million and \$124.3 million of planned spending. The Regional Parks CIP is financed with State appropriations (State bonds, Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, and Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund) as well as bonds issued by the Metropolitan Council. The Council bond amount is consistent with the authorization to issue up to \$40 million in Minnesota Statute 473.325

The proposed spending plan is consistent with applicable State laws and Council policies. Projects financed from the CIP must be consistent with regional park and trail master plans approved by the Metropolitan Council. Since those plans are prepared by the regional park agency that owns/manages that park or trail unit, the projects funded from the CIP are supported by that park agency and are the highest priority capital needs for that park agency.

Fair Housing Equity Assessment Update – Update and Discussion (Katie Hatt 651 602-1555)
Housing Policy Analyst Katie Hatt updated the Committee regarding the Fair Housing Equity Assessment.

- We have convened two meetings of regional partners with expertise in data analysis, research and mapping to discuss project scope, information resources and approach to measuring access to opportunity indicators.
- Our regional steering committee continues to develop our plan for outreach and dialogue with residents, communities and a broad array of other partners this fall to reach a set of regionally developed and supported opportunity indicators.
- We are working with our Metro HRA staff and The Access Group to discuss outreach strategies to our HRA clients and staff.
- Members of our FHEA steering committee had a productive conference call with staff at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (both here in Minneapolis/St. Paul and the Region V office in Chicago) on September 6.
- Members of our FHEA steering committee gave a presentation to the Corridors of Opportunity Senior Staff group on September 7 and received positive response.
- A class of graduate students at the University of Minnesota has begun meeting which will provide support to our mapping and data work.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on October 1, 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