

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, October 1, 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, October 1, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Munt, seconded by Elkins to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2012 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-305 Approval of 2013 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan

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

Munt moved, seconded by Elkins that the Metropolitan Council approve the 2013 Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan), authorize the Metropolitan Council Chair to execute the required certifications and direct staff to submit the final Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **The motion carried.**

2012-306 Eagan Hunter/Emerson Parkview Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review No. 20606-7

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

Chávez moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Eagan to put the Hunter/Emerson Parkview comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA changes the City's forecasts by adding 175 households.

Councilmember Commers asked about the 3 units per acre standard for sewer policy. Boylan explained the context of regional infrastructure improvements and the *2030 Regional Development Framework*.

Mr. Mark Skweres, an Eagan resident, addressed the Committee and asked that it consider

not approving the agenda item and that the issue would be best before the Environment Committee for consideration. He also noted the proximity to the regional park. Councilmember Wulff commented that the amendment dealt with a land use change and that this was a local issue to be decided locally.

Councilmember Chávez commented that the issue before the Committee was based on standards of approval within the context of conformance, consistency, and compatibility. **The motion carried.**

2012-292 2012 Unified Capital Program Amendment

Acting Park's Manager Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Rummel moved, seconded by Commers that the Metropolitan Council Amend the 2012 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by decreasing the multi-year authorization by \$8,721,000 for Parks and Open Space.

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

2012-307 City of St. Paul Request for Project Change to the TBRA Grant for
Rayette Lofts

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

Commers moved, seconded by Kramer that the Metropolitan Council approve an amendment to the Tax Base Revitalization Account grant for the City of Saint Paul's *Rayette Lofts* project (SG011-179), changing the project description to reflect current conditions and retaining the grant amount at \$324,800. **The Motion denied.**

Elkins moved, seconded by Smith to adopt the staff recommendations. **The Motion carried.**

The committee discussed the reduced number of affordable housing units for this project. Eduardo Barrera spoke to the committee regarding the need for the diversity this project would fulfill in Lowertown. The committee questioned if the Housing Performance Score changed for this project. The committee also wanted clarification on the process for changes in a project from the initial grant application. Mr. Burns informed them of the process and the responsibilities of the applicants regarding changes to the project/grant descriptions.

2012-311 Regional Fair Housing Equity Assessment and the Thrive MSP 2040
Planning Process, Resolution No. 2012-33

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

Munt moved, seconded by Smith that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached resolution, Regional Fair Housing Equity Assessment and the Thrive MSP 2040 Planning Process, Resolution No. 2012-33, as amended, supporting the use of the Fair Housing Equity Assessment results to inform and guide the Thrive MSP 2040 plan.

Community Development Committee Chair, Gary Cunningham, began the discussion by having Resolution 2012-33 read into the minutes. The motion was moved and seconded. Chair Cunningham introduced Tim Thompson and Chip Halbach as the co-authors of the resolution along with himself and asked that they talk about the item. Tim Thompson introduced himself as the President of Housing Preservation Project, and explained he was speaking on behalf of two groups, one as a member of the FHEA steering committee, and as member a broader group including Minnesota Housing Partnership, Housing Preservation Project, Isaiah, Metropolitan Inter Faith Council on Affordable Housing, Alliance for Metropolitan Stability, Housing Discrimination Project, and others. Chip Halbach introduced himself as the Executive Director of Minnesota Housing Partnership, and consultant to HUD for rural communities working on Fair Housing Equity Assessments. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Halbach reviewed the FHEA process and the intersection with regional planning. Council Member Van Eyll, as chair of the Thrive working group addressed the committee. The Committee discussed the resolution. Council Member Commers offered an amendment to the resolution. Chair Cunningham accepted the change as a friendly amendment. The adoption of the amended resolution passed on a split vote. **The motion carried.**

2012-308 Authorization to allocate additional funds to the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant sub-recipient agreement with City of St. Paul for the Central Corridor: Stormwater & Green Infrastructure Planning Project

Senior Planner Nora Riemenschneider presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Rummel moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council Authorize an amendment to the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant sub-recipient agreement with City of St. Paul for the Central Corridor: Stormwater and Green Infrastructure Planning project, SG2011-042, to allocate additional funds totaling \$12,300 to the existing \$370,000 agreement.

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

2012-309 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Sub-recipient agreement with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for a Resource Efficiency Demonstration Project

Senior Planner Nora Riemenschneider presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Chávez moved, seconded by Munt that the Metropolitan Council Authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant (SCRPG) Sub-recipient Agreement with Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority

for a Resource Efficiency Demonstration Project, totaling \$137,700.

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

INFORMATION

Guidelines for Priority Funding for Housing Performance: the Housing Performance Scores

Community Development Division Director Guy Peterson explained the process of determining the scores and shared the survey tool used to generate some of the information used in the scoring, and the scores for communities from the past few years.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on October 15, 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