

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, December 15, 2008

Committee Members Present: **Acting Chair, Tony Pistilli; Georgeanne Hilker; Daniel Wolter; Richard Aguilar; Sherry Broecker**

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Acting Chair Pistilli called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:10 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2008.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Broecker seconded by Wolter, to approve the agenda and change the order of business items. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Hilker to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2008 & December 1, 2008 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

Phyllis Hanson introduced a new staff member, Susan Hoyt, Planning Analyst for the Metropolitan Council Local Planning unit.

BUSINESS

2008-362 City of Marine on St. Croix Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20280-1

Lisa Barajas, Senior Planner, presented the report requesting the Metropolitan Council adopt the Review Record and take the following actions from the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the City to put its Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications.
2. Remind the City that Minnesota Statutes 473.864 require it to formally adopt the Comprehensive Plan Update after the Council's final action and require the City to submit two copies of the adopted Update to the Council for its records.
3. Remind the City to submit a copy of the City Council resolution adopting the Update to the Council for its records.
4. Remind the City that it is required to submit to the Council upon adoption any updated ordinances and controls intended to implement the Update, including the City's cluster ordinances applicable in the Diversified Rural area.
5. Advise the City that it needs to submit to the Council the final adopted version of the Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP), the date that the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District approved the SWMP, and the date that the City adopted the plan.
6. Remind the City that it will need to update its SWMP within two years from the date that the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District adopts its new watershed management plan.

The Committee did not have any questions or discussion regarding the Update.

Broecker moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and the proposed actions.

The motion carried.

2008-264 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Funding Recommendations

Marcus Martin, Senior Planner summarized the projects recommended for Spring 2008 TBRA funding, in which the Metropolitan Council award thirteen (13) Tax Base Revitalization Account grants totaling \$3,008,500 to redevelopment projects in the cities of Bloomington, Edina, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Saint Paul, South Saint Paul and Wayzata as indicated in the staff recommendation memo.

Projects recommended for Spring 2008 TBRA funding	Recommended amount
Bloomington HRA – The Corners/Bloomdale II	\$94,100
Edina - Pentagon Park Hotel	\$317,400
Minneapolis - 200 -1st Street North	\$92,600
Minneapolis - Digigraphics	\$22,400
Minneapolis - Soo Line Building II	\$207,600
Minnetonka - BMW Dealership	\$311,400
Saint Paul - Commercial Club	\$96,000
Saint Paul - Lexington Commons	\$448,800
Saint Paul - Mississippi Market	\$68,000
Saint Paul – Ramada Inn	\$374,400
Saint Paul Port Authority- Minnehaha Lanes	\$500,000
South Saint Paul HRA - Interstate Partners Site	\$214,300
Wayzata - Wayzata Bay Center	\$261,500
Total	\$3,008,500

Following the staff presentation, a committee member asked if any of the applicants could reapply in the future. Mr. Martin responded that applicants that were ineligible because they did not meet the minimum score are eligible to reapply, but applicants that were determined ineligible due to lack of demonstrated need are not eligible to reapply for the same project. The Review Record attached provides additional detail on each of the proposed projects.

Aguilar moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council award TBRA grants as recommended.

The motion carried.

2008-345 City of Lauderdale 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20305-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Victoria Dupre, Principal Reviewer, requested the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Review Record and takes the following actions from each committee:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee

1. Authorize the City of Lauderdale to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect without any plan modifications.
2. Request that the City to submit a copy of its final surface water management plan to the Council following City Council adoption. The City should also provide the dates of the watershed management organizations’ approval, and the City Council’s action.
3. Advise the City to submit a copy of the City Council Resolution adopting its Update to the Council for its records.

4. Remind the City that Minnesota Statutes 473.864 require it to formally adopt the Comprehensive Plan, along with any required modifications, within nine months after the Council's final action and require the City to submit two copies of the adopted Plan to the Council in a timely manner.
5. Remind the City that it is required to submit any updated ordinances and controls intended to help implement the Plan to the Council upon adoption.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee:

1. Approve the City's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Broecker moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council adopt the recommendations.
There was no discussion

The motion carried.

INFORMATION

Comprehensive Plan Update (CPU) Report

Phyllis Hanson, Manager Local Planning Assistance, updated the Committee regarding receipt and status of Comprehensive Plan Updates. Ms. Hanson also briefly explained the Plan Modification process including the public hearing timelines and concurrent committees' involvement.

Discussion of Communications to Minnesota Housing on Affordability Gap issues

Guy Peterson, Community Development Division Director informed the Committee that we had spoken to Michael Haley, Assistant Commissioner at MN Housing regarding the anticipated communication from the CDC to Mr. Haley on the subject of affordable housing value and affordability gap limits. A letter prepared by Ann Beckman for member Pistilli was shared with the Committee and it was agreed the letter could be sent to Mr. Haley requesting he address the CDC on this issue in January.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, January 20, 2009, due to the Martin Luther King holiday, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed acting Chair Pistilli adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary