

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
May 4, 2009

Committee Members Present: **Chair, Tony Pistilli; Annette Meeks; Kris Sanda; Georgetanne Hilker; Daniel Wolter; Wendy Wulff**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Chair Steffen called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2009.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Hilker, seconded by Meeks, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Sanda, seconded by Hilker to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2009 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

**BUSINESS**

**2009-124** City of Lakeville 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20445-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Patrick Boylan, Local Planning Assistance Senior Planner presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee:**

Authorize the City of Lakeville to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.

**Recommendation of the Environment Committee:**

Approve the City of Lakeville's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

CM Sanda asked how the Council forecasting on population is determined. Mr. Boylan asked Todd Graham from Research to explain to the Committee how the forecasting figures are determined. Mr. Graham explained the forecasts for households and populations for regions and local communities. In certain communities the difference between regional population and household size varies with household types; single family, condos, etc.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the recommendations of the Community Development Committee and the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

**2009-131** City of Coon Rapids 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan Review File No. 20227-1

Susan Hoyt, Local Planning Assistance Planning Analyst presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee:**

1. Authorize the City of Coon Rapids to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Advise the City to:
  - a. Provide a final copy of the 2004 SWMP, the dates that the watershed organizations approved the plan and the date the City adopted the final plan.
  - b. Participate in Council activities to monitor redevelopment and infill in developed communities.
  - c. Implement the advisory comments noted in the Review Record for Transportation and Water Supply.

### **Recommendation of the Environment Committee:**

Approve the City of Coon Rapids Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

CM Hilker asked Ms. Hoyt to point out the future route of the Northstar line, and Ms. Hoyt highlighted the route on her PowerPoint presentation map of Coon Rapids.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the recommendations of the Community Development Committee and the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

### **2009-153 Carver County Comprehensive Plan Update Extension Request**

Jim Uttley, sector representative, presented an overview of the request received from Carver County for extension of the deadline for submitting the County's comprehensive plan update (Update) and a request to amend the local planning assistance grant of \$50,000 (SG2007-089) to coincide with the new submittal date for the Update and new end date for the grant agreement.

In the request materials, Carver County explains that comprehensive plan update for the County and its 10 townships has been delayed primarily because of public concerns raised by residents and officials in three of the townships.

May 2007 Council Action - In May 2007, the Council authorized staff to implement a local planning assistance grant program to help ensure qualifying local governments and counties could prepare and submit their "decennial" Updates to the Council by the statutory December 31, 2008 deadline.

Grant Agreement - The County was awarded a \$50,000 Local Planning Assistance Program grant on November 14, 2007. The grant agreement required the County to:

1. review and update its comprehensive plan by December 31, 2008;
2. submit its draft plan update to adjacent governmental units by June 30, 2008;
3. discuss its draft plan with watershed management organizations;
4. submit a "complete" plan as described in the Council's *Local Planning Handbook*; and
5. ensure its plan conforms with the Council's metropolitan system plans.

The grant agreement further provides that if the City does not comply with the terms and conditions of the agreement, "the Council may take any action to protect its interests and may require the [City] to return all or part of the [grant] funds."

Mr. Uttley introduced Paul Moline, Manager, Planning & Water Management Department of Carver County and noted that unlike most counties, Carver also plans for all ten of its townships. Mr. Uttley said that Carver County undertook an ambitious planning program that not only addressed the traditional Update elements but also included county-wide studies intended to help inform the planning efforts of all the cities in the County. The studies included economic development, housing, aging, historic preservation, public safety, natural resources, public health and others. Mr. Uttley reported that the County also met with all of the city planners in the County every other month for the past two years to facilitate cooperation and information sharing among the planning community. Mr. Uttley said that the reason for the extension

request is that some of the planning has excited residents in a couple of the townships, who have prevailed on the County Board to re-examine parts of the Update.

Mr. Moline described the issues involved in the request. He was asked about the timing and whether the Update could be completed in the time requested. Mr. Moline said that he thought it could as many of the issues are mapping issues and should be resolved relatively quickly. CM Sanda asked what other county did planning for its townships and Mr. Uttley said that Scott County did. CM Sanda asked if the County's planning efforts were perhaps too ambitious. Mr. Moline said that the planning effort reflected the County Board's vision for the County. He said that the Update itself will be more focused on what is needed to address the requirements of the Council and that other plan elements will be adopted separately and folded in later. CM Pistilli asked whether the Council has granted such extensions before. Mr. Peterson replied that the Council has approved several extension requests for submission after May 29, three to the end of the year.

Sanda moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council extends the County's "decennial" comprehensive plan update for Carver County and all of its townships (Update) submission deadline to September 30, 2009, and direct staff to execute an amendment of the planning grant amendment to reflect the new submission and grant end date deadlines. **The motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

### Regional Parks Planning 101

Jan Youngquist, Parks & Open Space Senior Planner provided an overview presentation of planning for the Regional Parks Systems, and the roles of the Parks agencies, Council park staff, Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, and the Community Development Committee.

CM Sanda questioned the Metropolitan Council has the authority to issue \$40M in general obligation bonds. Mr. Stefferud responded that \$40M can be outstanding, the Metropolitan Council has been issuing an average of \$7M per year and those are short-term bonds, and new bonds are issued as old ones are paid off.

### 2010-15 Regional Parks Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Structure and Timeline

Arne Stefferud, Parks & Open Space Planning Analyst presented a briefing on this future business item to the Committee as an information item. He explained the Capital Improvement Program timeline, population and visitor data, and formulas.

Chair Pistilli asked if this framework is prescribed by law or do will have any flexibility to make adjustments. Mr. Stefferud responded adjustments are allowed, and many reviews have occurred by many agencies.

CM Wulff inquired about the number of visits calculations concerned that the Minneapolis numbers are too high. Mr. Stefferud clarified the data stating regional parks visits were included and explained the data collected is the number of visits, not visitors.

### 2009 Regional Park Tours

Arne Stefferud, Parks & Open Space Planning Analyst briefed the Community Development Committee on the upcoming three tours of the following parks:

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bunker Hills Regional Park Campground Visitor Center and Rum River Central Regional Park

July 7<sup>th</sup>, Weinkaupf house at the Lake Rebecca Park Reserve

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Visitor Center at Silverwood Park

### Comprehensive Plan Updates status update

Phyllis Hanson, Local Planning Assistance Manager provided an update to the Community Development regarding the Comprehensive Plan Updates currently being reviewed. She described the standards used in each review, and the approval requirements as indicated in the Local Planning Handbook.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on Monday, **May 18**, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. A joint Parks meeting starting at 3:00.

Business completed Chair Pistilli adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner  
Recording Secretary