

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

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
Monday, December 07, 2009

Committee Members Present: **Chair Natalie Steffen; Vice-Chair, Tony Pistilli; Kris Sanda; Georgeanne Hilker; Daniel Wolter; Richard Aguilar; Sherry Broecker; Polly Bowles; Annette Meeks; Wendy Wulff**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Chair Pistilli called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:05 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2009.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Sanda seconded by Broecker, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Sanda, seconded by Wolter to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2009 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

**BUSINESS**

**2009-445** HousingLink Funding Request

Livable Communities Director Beth Reetz presented the report to the Community Development Committee.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to its existing funding assistance agreement with the HousingLink to: (1) extend the agreement for an additional year; and (2) provide \$50,000 from its Section 8 program administrative fees or administrative fee reserve fund to support the nonprofit organization's regional affordable housing information and referral services in calendar year 2010.

**The motion carried.**

**2009-436** City of Nowthen 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update

Planning Analyst, Susan Hoyt, presented the report and proposed actions to the Committee. She noted that based upon information received today, the text under "Future MUSA" on page 7 required some revisions and that Figure 4, the 2030 Future Land Use Plan, was replaced with a corrected version. This information was distributed to the Committee.

Councilmember Sanda asked why the City did not need to do a water supply plan. Councilmember Wulff expressed concern that the City's water supply needs to be addressed prior to sewer development. Community Development Director Peterson said that the staff would follow up on the parameters requiring water supply planning and get back to the Committee.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee:**

1. Authorize the City of Nowthen to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Designate the area on the 2030 Future Land Use plan that is identified as Permanent Rural Residential as Rural Residential.
3. Advise the City to:

- a. Participate in the plat monitoring program.
- b. Address the advisory comments noted in the Review Record under Land Use.

**The motion carried.**

**2009-437** City of Bethel 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20439-1  
Planning Analyst Susan Hoyt presented the report and proposed actions to the Committee.  
Councilmember Broecker asked why the advisory comment asking the City to remove the exemption for road construction and reconstruction from water quantity and quality management was included in the Review Record. Hoyt explained that run-off from road construction creates water quality and quantity issues and that other entities were not exempt from this requirement, therefore, the City was being advised of its importance in local water management planning.

Wulff moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and the following:

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee**

1. Authorize the City to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Accept the forecasts identified in the Review Record.
3. Change the planning area designation to Rural Growth Center.
4. Participate in the Council's plat monitoring program.
5. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record under wastewater, surface water management and forecasts.

**Recommendation of the Environment Committee:**

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

**The motion carried.**

**2009-439** City of Brooklyn Center 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan Review File No. 20616-1

Senior Planner Tori Dupre presented the report and proposed action to the Community Development Committee.

Sanda moved, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and the following:

**Recommendations of the Community Development Committee**

1. Authorize the City of Brooklyn Center to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Advise the City to:
  - a) Participate in Council activities to monitor redevelopment and infill in Developed communities.
  - b) Address the advisory comments in the Review Record addressing transportation, water supply and implementation.

## **Recommendations of the Environment Committee**

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

**The motion carried.**

**2009-440** City of Newport 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20595-1  
Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Senior Planner Tom Caswell presented the staff report to the committee.

Broecker moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

### **Recommendation of the Community Development Committee:**

1. Authorize the City of Newport to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Accept the forecasts in the Review Record.
3. Advise the City:
  - a. to participate in Council activities to monitor redevelopment; and,
  - b. Implement the advisory comments noted in the Review Record for surface water management and water supply.

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

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

**The motion carried.**

**2009-441** City of St. Louis Park 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan  
Review File No. 20619-1

Senior Planner Denise Engen presented the report and proposed actions to the Committee.

Bowles moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council adopts the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

### **Recommendation of the Community Development Committee:**

1. Authorize the City of St. Louis Park to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Advise the City to:
  - a. Participate in Council activities to monitor redevelopment in developed communities.
  - b. Implement the advisory comments noted in the Review Record for *Water Supply* and for *Documents Submitted for Review*.

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

Approve the City of St. Louis Park's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

**The motion carried.**

**2009-442** City of Apple Valley 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan  
Review File No. 20591-1

Senior Planner Patrick Boylan presented the report to the Committee.

Councilmember Wulff asked for clarification of the "Cedar Green" concept noted in the staff report.

Apple Valley Community Development Director Bruce Nordquist noted that Cedar Green and “lid” concept at County 42 and Cedar Avenue shown in the City’s Update were developed during planning discussions on the city’s downtown and overall improvements to Cedar Avenue as part of the economic development chapter of the Update. Nordquist explained that the city intentionally left it out of the transportation and land use sections of the Update.

Sector Representative Patrick Boylan added that the Council can approve and find the City’s Update to be conforming without committing the Metropolitan Council to future regional capital expenditures not found in the Council’s *2030 Transportation Policy Plan*. The Review Record’s advisory comment on the Cedar Green area clarifies that it is not part of a transportation plan.

Sanda moved, seconded by Bowles that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

**Recommendation of the Community Development Committee:**

1. Authorize the City of Apple Valley to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Advise the City:
  - a. to participate in activities to monitor development and redevelopment; and,
  - b. address the advisory comments under the transportation and water sections in the Review Record.

**Recommendation of the Environment Committee:**

Approve the City of Apple Valley’s Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

**The motion carried.**

**2009-443** City of Wayzata *2030 Comprehensive Plan* Update Review File No. 20529-1  
Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan  
Planning Analyst Jim Uttley presented the report to the Committee.

Council Member Bowles asked about the Estate residential land use category. Staff responded that the Estate district in Wayzata is being applied to existing large lot properties with homes that were allowed sewer before Council policy was changed.

Wolter moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record, and the following:

**Recommendations of the Community Development Committee**

1. Authorize the City of Wayzata to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Adopt the advisory comments for surface water management and land use presented in those sections of the review record.
3. Advise the City of Wayzata to participate in the Council’s Redevelopment Monitoring program.

**Recommendations of the Environment Committee:**

Approve the City of Wayzata’s Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

**The motion carried.**

**2009-444** Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Restrictive Covenant Exchange, Anoka County

Senior Planner Jan Youngquist presented the report to the Committee.

The Committee asked if restrictive covenants were placed on all regional parkland. Council staff stated that restrictive covenants are required to be recorded on parcels for which the Council provides grants funds for acquisition. The Council did not provide grant funds for acquisition of the 10 acre restrictive covenant exchange site. The Committee then asked if the restrictive covenants were proposed to be released on just the wetland ponds or on a larger parcel containing the ponds. Staff confirmed that the restrictive covenants would be released only on the legal descriptions encompassing the wetland ponds and that these areas would be protected by the Board of Water and Soil Resources perpetual conservation easement.

The Committee then clarified that the exchange of restrictive covenants is to facilitate the Rice Creek North Regional Trail expansion project, which is dependent upon using the wetland credits created on the 2.7 acre pond area for its wetland mitigation.

### **Information item:**

#### **Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) Funding Recommendations**

The Community Development Committee had an opportunity to hear and ask questions about the Livable Communities Advisory Committee recommendations. Dan Markel, Vice Chair of the LCAC, presented the committee's recommendations.

### **Proposed Action scheduled for January 4, 2010:**

That the Metropolitan Council award seven Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) grants as follows:

ID, Project Name	Applicant	Eligible Request	Recommendation
A.2 Gateway Lofts	Minneapolis	\$74,000	\$74,000
A.4 The Penfield	St. Paul	\$610,000	\$610,000
C.3 South Lewis Avenue Redevelopment	Watertown	\$366,318	\$366,318
B.2 Sienna Green Phase II	Roseville	\$202,100	\$202,100
C.1 Presbyterian Homes	Eden Prairie	\$848,300	\$848,300
A.1 Capri Block	Minneapolis	\$869,000	\$869,000

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Pistilli adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner  
Recording Secretary