

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, June 21, 2010

Committee Members
Present:

Chair, Tony Pistilli; Kris Sanda; Georgeanne Hilker; Daniel Wolter; Richard Aguilar; Sherry Broecker; Polly Bowles; Natalie Steffen; Wendy Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, in Chair Pistilli's absence Committee member Aguilar called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2010.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Sanda seconded by Broecker, to move agenda item number 11 to the first item on the agenda, agenda approved. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Hilker to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2010-194 2010 Unified Capital Program Amendment

Principal Financial Analyst Allan Morris presented the report and the proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Steffen moved, seconded by Bowles that the Metropolitan Council Amend the 2010 Authorized Capital Program (multi-year authorization) by adding \$15,140,000 in new spending authority for Parks and Open Space;

Amend the 2010 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by adding \$6,945,500 in new appropriations for Parks and Open Space; and

Approve new projects and transfers between capital projects as detailed in Attachment 1

No questions or discussion. **The motion carried.**

2010-228 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Funding Recommendations

Senior Planner Marcus Martin presented the report and the proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Aguilar moved, seconded by Steffen that the Metropolitan Council award 8 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) grants as follows:

Projects recommended for Spring 2010 TBRA funding	Recommended amount
Minneapolis – 4 th Street Flats	\$347,500
Minneapolis – Linden Hills	\$35,900
Minneapolis – New French Bakery Expansion	\$137,100
Minneapolis – New Millennium Charter School	\$50,000

Minneapolis – North Loop Gateway	\$213,500
Saint Paul – Renaissance Box III	\$84,200
Saint Paul Port Authority – Pelham Business Center	\$100,000
Saint Paul Port Authority – Beacon Bluff (Phase 2)	\$350,000
Total	\$1,318,200

Questions posed by the Committee following the staff presentation included an inquiry about role of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture in review of contamination cleanup, standards for asbestos abatement costs for residential projects, the status of awards to these projects from other funding partners and the use of unawarded funds later this year. The Committee asked about possibility of making a conditional grant award to the one applicant not recommended for funding. Staff responded that we have not made a conditional award in past cycles and noted that it was unclear when the needed approval could be obtained that would allow work to begin. A comment was also made about a lack of applications from suburban communities.

The use of remaining funds will be retained for the next TBRA grant application cycle in November.

The TBRA grants will be awarded as recommended and passed unanimously. **The motion carried.**

2010-216 City of Little Canada 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan Review File No. 20562-1

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

Hilker moved, seconded by Steffen 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 Little Canada to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments noted in the Review Record for Surface Water Management, ISTS, Transportation, and Land Use.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee:

Motion to approve the City of Little Canada’s Comprehensive Plan Update was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

No questions or discussion. **The motion carried.**

2010-218 City of Woodbury 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20607-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Senior Planner Lisa Barajas presented the report and the proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Broecker moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comments and

Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

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

Advise the City to implement advisory comments in the Review Record for Transportation.

Recommendations of the Environment Committee:

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

No questions or discussion. **The motion carried.**

2010-230 City of Lakeland 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update

Senior Planner LisaBeth Barajas presented the report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Broecker moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Advisory Comment and Review Record and take the following actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

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

Change the planning area designation for the City from Diversified Rural to Rural Residential in the *2030 Regional Development Framework*.

Advise the City to:

Send to the Council the dates that the watershed management organization approved the City of Lakeland's local surface water management plan.

Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Local Surface Water Management and Land Use.

Committee member Wulff asked whether a comprehensive plan amendment would be needed when the existing gravel mine ceases operation. Barajas responded that it is possible depending on what the City and property owner decide should occur on that property. At this point, discussions have only been initiated, but nothing has been solidified. Certain developments may require an amendment, such as a large-scale residential development, which may increase the City's household and population forecasts.

Committee member Bowles asked why the population forecast is declining while the household forecasts increases. Barajas responds that an aging population results in a smaller household size.

Committee member Haas Steffen asked what would occur in communities like this with on-site septic systems on waterfront lots after storm events if homes or systems are destroyed. Barajas indicated that most of the homes in Lakeland are not affected by most storm events due to the topography and many sitting up on the bluff. City Administrator Mark Nagel also described the City's cooperation with Washington County for maintaining ISTS in the community and restates that the most of those homes are on the bluffline. Nagel also describes the City's ordinances that apply to those properties to

address those issues. **The motion carried.**

2010-191 Anoka County 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review File No. 20688-1

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

Steffen moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following recommended actions:

Recommendations of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize Anoka County to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. Implement the advisory comments under forecasts and Critical Area Plan.

Councilmember Steffen asked about information included in the Review Record that described the County's interest in having Coon Lake Park and the county parks along the Rum River being designated as regional parks. Jan Youngquist, Senior Planner—Parks, responded that the County was not pursuing regional park designation for these parks at this time. The Council has conducted visit counts at the Rum River County Parks, and the usage numbers are not high enough to be considered for a regional park designation. **The motion carried.**

2010-231 Washington County 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Review File No. 20610-1

Senior Planer Tom Caswell presented the report and the proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

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

Recommendation of the Community Development Committee:

1. Authorize the County to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.
2. The Update needs to include mapping of aircraft noise zones and notification to FAA regarding potential obstructions to air navigation.
3. Implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Forecasts and Land Use.

The Committee asked about the relationship between the County and its townships' authority over land use and zoning. Jane Harper, Principal Planner for Washington County, explained that a developer must get approval from both the County and the township. The County and affected township address each proposal on a case-by-case basis. **The motion carried.**

2010-217 City of Robbinsdale 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan Review File No. 20613-1

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

Wulff moved, seconded by Broecker 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 Robbinsdale to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Advise the City to:
 - a) Adopt the revised forecasts for population, households and employment.
 - b) Participate in Council activities to monitor redevelopment and infill in Developed communities.
 - c) Address the advisory comments for Surface Water Management.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee:

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

The Committee asked no questions. **The motion carried.**

2010-232 City of Edina, Comprehensive Plan Amendment: *The Waters*, Review File No. 20413-2

Planning Analyst Freya Thamman presented the report and proposed action to the Community Development Committee.

Bowles moved, seconded by Steffen that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopts the attached review record and allows the City of Edina to put *The Waters* comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Finds that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

Council member Bowles indicated that she had received several calls from Edina residents regarding this project, specifically regarding concerns over surface water collection. Edina Community Development Director Cary Teague explained that the project would undergo a two-step review process by the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. Committee members had no further questions.

The motion carried.

2010-233 City of Waconia Comprehensive Plan Amendment East Lake Neighborhood, Review File No. 20432-2

Planning Analyst Jim Uttley presented the report and proposed action to the Community Development Committee.

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

1. Authorize the City of Waconia to put its Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) into effect for the proposed East Lake Neighborhood.
2. Finds that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.

The Committee asked no questions. **The motion carried.**

2010-229 Metropolitan Council Agricultural Preserves Program 2009 Status Report

Research Manager Libby Starling presented the report and proposed action to the Community Development Committee.

Wulff moved, seconded by Broecker that the Metropolitan Council Accept the 2009 Status Report to

forward to the Minnesota Legislature and to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

The Committee asked no questions. **The motion carried.**

2010-226 Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant for Elm Creek Park Reserve, Three Rivers Park District

Senior Planner Jan Youngquist presented the report and proposed action to the Community Development Committee.

Steffen moved, seconded by Bowles that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of \$198,750 from the Parks and Trails Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Three Rivers Park District to partially finance the acquisition of 1.4 acres (Zopfi parcel 12208 W. Hayden Lake Rd.) for Elm Creek Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:

\$119,250 from the State Fiscal Year 2011 Parks and Trails Fund appropriation

\$79,500 from Metropolitan Council bonds

The Committee asked no questions. **The motion carried.**

2010-227 Park Acquisition Opportunity Grant for St. Croix Valley Regional Trail, Washington County

Senior Planner Jan Youngquist presented the report and proposed action to the Community Development Committee.

Bowles moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of \$198,436 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Washington County to partially finance the acquisition of 1.8 acres of the Pontius property for the St. Croix Valley Regional Trail. The grant should be financed with:

\$64,823 balance of the 2008 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation

\$54,239 from the 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation

\$79,374 Metropolitan Council bonds

The Committee asked no questions. **The motion carried.**

INFORMATION

2011 Community Development Division Budget

Community Development Director Guy Peterson presented to the Committee an overview of the upcoming budget for the Community Development Division.

The committee asked about existing housing and occupancy rates, and funding for programs regarding housing for seniors, and people with special needs. Mr. Peterson and the Livable Communities Director Beth Reetz responded to the committee with details of existing programs and the information presented in the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on July 19, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Pistilli adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary