

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 18, 2011

Committee Members Present: **Richard Aguilar, Chair; Sherry Broecker; Georgeanne Hilker; Natalie Steffen; Wendy Wulff**

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Aguilar called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wulff seconded by Broecker, to pull agenda item 2 and to approve the remaining agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2010 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

[2011-19](#) Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Funding Recommendations
(Marcus Martin 651 602-1054)

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

Wulff moved, seconded by Broecker that the Metropolitan Council award 13 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) grants as follows:

Projects recommended for Fall 2010 TBRA funding	Recommended amount
Contamination Site Investigation	
Brooklyn Center EDA - Howe Fertilizer	\$50,000
Saint Paul - Schmidt Brewery Phase II	\$49,900
Contamination Cleanup	
Blaine EDA - Gardenwood	\$250,000
Hopkins - Retail Center	\$124,300
Minneapolis - City Place Lofts	\$212,600
Minneapolis - Riverside Plaza	\$800,000
Minneapolis – American Swedish Institute	\$18,750
Minneapolis Public Housing Authority - Heritage Park Senior Services Center	\$390,900
New Hope - 5121 Winnetka	\$443,150
Saint Paul - Pioneer Endicott Building Phase I	\$661,100
Saint Paul - West Side Flats Apartments	\$500,000
Saint Paul Port Authority - Total Tool	\$128,100

Scott County CDA (Elko New Market) - Senior Housing	\$53,000
Total	\$3,681,800

Staff presented a revised funding recommendation. The revised recommendation was proposed to allow for partial funding of an additional cleanup and redevelopment project within the statutory limit of TBRA funding (up to 75%) that may be awarded to projects in the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul. The additional one-percent of funding recommended (\$48,350) to projects in the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul resulted in reduced grant recommendation to the lowest-ranking project in this funding cycle which is located in the City of New Hope.

Questions posed by the Committee included an inquiry about the recommendation to award funding above the requested amount to the Gardenwood (Blaine) project. Staff indicated that the project was originally a joint funding request with the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). Funding was not awarded by DEED. However, since the project was a high-ranking project using evaluation criteria for the TBRA program, additional funding was recommended to conduct sufficient cleanup to allow for the development of housing commensurate with the typical 2-year grant term rather than the longer term housing development project proposed in the application. The proposed action passed unanimously.

The motion carried.

[2011-24](#) 2011 Unified Capital Program Amendment (Arne Stefferud 651 602-1360)

Planning Analyst Arne Stefferud presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Steffen moved, seconded by Broecker that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Amend the 2011 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by decreasing it \$165,000 for Parks and Open Space;
2. Approve the projects and applicable transfers between capital projects as detailed in Attachment 1.
3. Approve change in scope of grant SG-2008-044 (\$400,000) from improving a trailhead at Big Rivers Regional Trail to funding general design, construction and construction administration for miscellaneous Mississippi River Regional Trail improvements and extend the grant's duration to December 31, 2012.
4. Approve change in scope of grant SG-2010-032 (\$250,000) from constructing a Cannon River access site at Miesville Ravine Park Reserve to providing match to a \$1 million Federal grant for design, construction and construction administration for the Rosemount section of the Mississippi River Regional Trail.
5. Approve change in scope of grant SG-2010-022 (\$152,000) from constructing sustainable trails in Lebanon Hills Regional Park to design, construction and construction administration of a parking area, restroom building and miscellaneous site improvements at the mountain bike facility in Lebanon Hills Regional Park. This augments a \$429,000 grant for this project (SG-2008-045).

The committee asked for clarification from staff the movement of funds is not setting a

precedent and Mr. Stefferud confirmed. **The motion carried.**

2011-20 City of Coon Rapids, Comprehensive Plan Amendment PORT Campus Square, Review File No. 20227-3 (Susan Hoyt 651 602-1330)

Planning Analyst, Susan Hoyt, presented the City of Coon Rapids PORT Campus Square CPA to the Committee.

Steffen moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow the City of Coon Rapids to put the PORT Campus Square comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Finds that the CPA does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to participate in the redevelopment monitoring program.

The Committee asked no questions. The Committee unanimously adopted the proposed actions. **The motion carried.**

2011-15 City of Willernie 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20454-1, Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan (Freya Thamman 651 602-1750)

Local Planning Assistance staff member Freya Thamman presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Committee.

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

1. Authorize the City of Willernie to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Adopt the revised forecasts for the City of Willernie as detailed in Table 1 of the Review Record.
3. Advise the City to:
 - a. Adopt a new resolution that adopts the 2010 Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) plan and its associated rules and designates the RCWD as its permitting authority for stormwater management and wetland rule compliance within the City. A copy of this resolution needs to be submitted to the Metropolitan Council for its records. In addition, the City needs to send to the Council documentation that the RCWD has approved this approach for meeting the requirement of having a new LSWMP, which would be required for the City in 2012.
 - b. Participate in the Council's activities to monitor redevelopment in Developed communities.
4. Approve the City of Willernie's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

Ms. Thamman requested Recommendation 3c be deleted because it did not apply to the City's Update and indicated that a typo on Page 3 had been corrected to show that the Update is consistent with Council Policy Requirements for Housing. A motion was made to adopt the Advisory Comments, Review Record, and Recommendations as presented. The

Committee unanimously adopted the proposed actions. **The motion carried.**

2011-22 Denmark Township Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Lost Valley SNA
(Freya Thamman 651 602-1750)

Local Planning Assistance staff member Freya Thamman presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Committee.

Wulff moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the attached review record and allow Denmark Township to put the Lost Valley SNA comprehensive plan amendment (CPA) into effect.
2. Find that the proposed CPA does not change the Township's forecasts.

The Committee had no questions on the CPA and unanimously adopted the proposed actions. **The motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Aguilar adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary