

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Committee Members Present: **Tony Pistilli, Chair; Richard Aguilar, Vice-Chair; Sherry Broecker; Polly Bowles; Georgeanne Hilker; Natalie Steffen; 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 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Broecker to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2011-44 City of South Saint Paul 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20587-1 Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan
Senior Planner Patrick Boylan presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Wulff 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 South St. Paul to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect;
2. Implement the advisory comments noted in the Review Record for Roads, Surface Water Management, and Mississippi River Critical Area; and,
3. Forward the City's Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area plan review and recommendations to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and National Park Service for their records.

Recommendation of the Environment Committee:

Approve the City of South St. Paul's Tier II Comprehensive Sewer Plan.

The committee had no questions. **The motion carried.**

2011-57 Eureka Township 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, Review No. 20406-1
Senior Planner Patrick Boylan presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Bowles 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:

Authorize the Eureka Township to put its 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update into effect.

The committee had no questions. **The motion carried.**

2011-36 2011 Unified Operating Budget Amendment –carry forward

Community Development Director Guy Peterson presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

Steffen moved, seconded by Hilker that the Metropolitan Council amend the 2011 Unified Operating Budget as indicated:

1. Carry forward \$1,317,000 is requested to provide budget authority from 2010 as follows:
 - \$1,000,000 – This amount was budgeted in 2010 to be made available to the Saint Paul HRA to assist in implementation of a small business support loan program in conjunction with construction of the CCLRT line.
 - \$217,000 – These funds are necessary to cover the remaining costs for current contractual services associated with implementation of the new growth forecast model.
 - \$100,000 – These dollars are requested to pay for other on-going contractual services activities in support of the Council's Land Use Inventory in the form of salaries for short-term temporary staff.
2. This request was presented to the Management Committee on February 9th and will be presented to the Council on February 23rd, as part of a consolidated request.

The committee had no questions. **The motion carried.**

2011-56 Board Resolution 2011-06 Authorizing Grant Execution for Minnesota Housing Agency Bridges Rental Assistance Program

HRA manager Terri Smith presented the staff report and proposed actions to the Community Development Committee.

The Council has administered the Minnesota Housing Bridges rental assistance program since 1993. The Bridges program is designed to provide a temporary tenant-based housing subsidy for persons with mental illness while the recipient is awaiting more permanent rent subsidy (Section 8 or Public Housing). Bridges operates through a successful partnership between the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and the mental health division in each county. Recipients choose rental housing in the private market where the HRA pays a portion of their rent directly to a private landlord. The County provides support services designed to enable recipients to successfully maintain an independent living environment.

The Bridges program is funded bi-annually through MN Housing. The current grant period runs from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. Due to initial decreased funding for the grant period, increased housing costs and decreased program attrition, we project a funding shortfall at the end of the biennium. In an effort to avoid terminating program participants, MN Housing has awarded an additional \$150,000 in funding for the grant period.

Steffen moved, seconded by Wulff that the Metropolitan Council adopt a resolution, required by Minnesota Housing, to authorize the Regional Administrator to execute a Grant Agreement Amendment with Minnesota Housing for the Bridges Program. **The motion carried.**

The committee asked about the increase in funding and Ms. Smith clarified there was no increase in the budget, the costs did not increase, this was due to a shortage of funding.

The committee asked Ms. Smith how many applicants for affordable housing are on waiting lists. Ms. Smith explained the process for applicants for Section 8, currently 2800 are on a waiting list, sometimes as long as 5-7 years.

INFORMATION

Results of recent Cost Benefit Analysis Report/Audit of the FAHP conversion to Section 8 (Brian Hanninen 651 602-1462)
Audit Project Team Leader Brian Hanninen provided the committee an audit report on the FAHP conversion to Section 8.

The committee asked for clarification on the increase and Mr. Hanninen explained this increase was the total for all the units not per unit. Mr. Hanninen also explained how a surplus is put into reserves for maintenance of the units.

Report to Legislature, Housing Options for People with Disabilities (Janel Bush & LaRhae Knatterud, Minnesota Department of Human Services)

Janel Bush presented the information item regarding the Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration program to the committee. The MFP program provides individuals living in a nursing home or other institution new opportunities to live in the community with the services and supports they need.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary