

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
August 15, 2011

Committee Members Present: **Gary Cunningham, Chair; Jon Commers, Vice-Chair; Steven T. Chávez, Steven Elkins, Richard Kramer, Jennifer Munt, Roxanne Smith, Wendy Wulff**

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Cunningham called the regular meeting of the Council's Community Development Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2011.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Chávez seconded by Kramer to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Elkin to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2011 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2011-222 Public Hearing – Public Housing Agency Plan

Chair Cunningham explained the proposed 2012 Public Housing Agency Plan is a requirement of HUD for all agencies operating the Section 8 Housing Choice voucher program; the plan has been available for review for the last 45 days and announced the Public hearing will remain open until 4:30 pm August 29, 2011. The final 2012 Public Housing Agency will be presented to the Community Development Committee on September 19, 2011 and the Metropolitan Council on September 28, 2011. No one from the audience requested to speak at that time.

2011-223 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Funding Recommendations

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

Chávez moved, seconded by Munt that the Metropolitan Council award 3 Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) investigation grants as follows:

Projects recommended for 2011 TBRA Round 2 funding	Recommended amount
Contamination Site Investigation	
Hopkins – Park Nicollet Clinic	\$30,000
Minneapolis – Cameron Building	\$15,200
Minneapolis – Pillsbury A Mill	\$47,300
TOTAL	\$92,500

Following the staff presentation, questions were asked about funding and grant categories available in future funding cycles and staff evaluation of completed projects. The next funding

cycle deadline is November 1. Grant applications will be accepted for site investigation and contamination cleanup redevelopments. Additionally, a question was asked about the potential number of points provided for projects proposing affordable housing. Staff explained the projects applying for investigation funds are not as well defined as those for cleanup funds where more points are assigned for projects that include affordable housing units. Lastly, information was requested comparing the actual outcomes, in comparison to proposed outcomes, of projects related to increases in tax capacity, and jobs and affordable housing units created. Staff reported that information is gathered from grantees for the four years following project completion. Council Member Wulff added the site investigation grant category is just in its second year of existence and therefore long term statistics are not yet available for this grant category. Staff will provide the Committee with further information related to program outcomes for the cleanup grant category. **The motion carried.**

2011-206 2011 Unified Capital Program Amendment

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

Elkins moved, seconded by Munt that the Metropolitan Council:

Amend the 2011 Capital Budget (annual appropriation) by increasing it \$2,723,650 for the year 2011 and increasing the multi-year authorization by \$9,749,468 for Parks and Open Space;

Approve the projects under “Increasing Funding Commitments” as detailed in Attachment 1.

The motion carried.

INFORMATION:

A check-in on 2011 CDC Work Plan

Community Development Director Guy Peterson gave the Committee an update on completed and proposed activities for the year and requested feedback and suggestions for other topics of importance to the committee.

The committee members did suggest some informational topics and communication suggestions such as:

Zoning best practices, Updates on the Corridors of Opportunities activities, stadium impact research, and Land Use integration, economic/business plan presentations, status of affordable housing, impact of the Community Development Committee’s decisions.

LCA Transit Oriented Development Fund introduction

Community Development Director Guy Peterson provided the committee an introduction of a new funding program and the developing guidelines and parameters.

The committee questioned Mr. Peterson regarding the proposed parameters and the connection with people in the transit corridors. A concern was raised by a committee member regarding the impact on LCA scores. Mr. Peterson explained the targeted

resources and relinquished funds support TOD/TIA projects. The chair had some policy questions regarding the use of one-time money and sustainability. Mr. Peterson explained further research into freeing up dollars, targeting dollars with for example MHFA.

Non-Residential permits

Research Manager Libby Starling presented to the Community Development Committee a presentation on Commercial, Industrial, Public and Institutional construction in the Twin Cities in 2010. Ms. Starling provided information on building permits issued in the previous year, permit value and square footage of new construction, and geographic information and primary uses.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on September 19, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Business completed Chair Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Wenner
Recording Secretary