

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Committee Members Present: **Gary Cunningham, Chair; Steven T. Chávez, Steven Elkins, Richard Kramer, Jennifer Munt, Sandra Rummel, 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 Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Chávez, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2012 regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-21 Minnesota River Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan, Dakota County, Review File No. 50016-1

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

Wulff moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the Minnesota River Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan.
2. Require Dakota County to provide trail alignment plans to MCES for review to protect the access to the Seneca WWTP and adjacent RMF.
3. Require Dakota County to provide trail development plans to MCES for review and comment to ensure the integrity of the wastewater treatment interceptor system.

The Committee discussed the proposed trail corridor alignment along the Minnesota River. Staff noted the three items for final Council action. **The motion carried.**

2012-22 North Creek Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan, Dakota County (Referral No. 50015-1)

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

Wulff moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the North Creek Greenway Regional Trail Master Plan (Referral No. 50015-1).

2. Require Dakota County to work with Metropolitan Council Environmental Services as the County prepares the initial development plans for the trail segment along the Vermillion River near the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant, as well as during construction of this trail segment, in order to minimize impacts on the wastewater treatment plant site.
3. Require that prior to development of new trail segments along the entire length of the regional trail corridor, Dakota County should send development plans to Metropolitan Council Environmental Services for review and comment to ensure the integrity of the regional interceptor system.

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

2012-23 Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund Grant Request for Miesville Ravine Park Reserve, Dakota County

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

Wulff moved, seconded by Chávez that the Metropolitan Council authorize a grant of up to \$100,500 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Acquisition Account in the Park Acquisition Opportunity Fund to Dakota County to finance 75% of the acquisition of 25 acres (Lewis parcel) as depicted in Figure 1 for Miesville Ravine Park Reserve. The grant should be financed with:

\$60,300 from the 2009 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation

\$40,200 from Metropolitan Council bonds

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

INFORMATION

Central Corridor/Affordable Housing “Big Picture” (Gretchen Nicholls)

Gretchen Nicholls from the Twin Cities LISC provided a PowerPoint presentation of the “Big Picture Project” Aligning housing plans along Central Corridor. She offered a summary on the communities’ choices and opportunities, finding the right mix, defining the needs, anti-displacement and gentrification strategies, recommendations to invest and preserve long-term affordable housing, objectives to stabilizing neighborhoods, and strengthening families through coordinated investments. This summary also included an overview in affordable housing finance, roles of the private sector, nonprofit sector, and offered case studies and success stories from other cities.

[MetroGIS Regional Parcel Data Overview](#)

GIS manager Rick Gelbmann presented an information report to the committee to familiarize Community Development Committee members with the benefits of the MetroGIS Regional Parcel Data which is available through an updated sharing agreement between the Council and the seven metropolitan area counties.

Parcel data is used in all Council Divisions for a wide range of uses. It is one of the most important and valuable dataset to the 170 GIS desktop software users at the Council and to the many more Council users of our internal GIS web applications. In a 2005 survey of Council GIS data users, 67% said that the use of parcel data was "essential to performing my job". In addition to the availability of parcel data throughout the Council it is also licensed to ten contractors completing work for the Council such as planning and constructing new sewer interceptors and light rail line facilities.

Examples of how the Council uses the MetroGIS Regional Parcel Data:

1. Regional Growth. Since the Parcel data are updated on a quarterly basis it provides an excellent long term source of information about urban change throughout the region. Lot size and year built can be used to describe the character of communities and their growth.
2. Transit Improvement Areas & TOD. The Livable Communities Demonstration Account funding recommendations relies on the availability of Parcel data to describe eligibility areas to applicants and help staff to rate LCA applications. In the future, Parcel data can be used to measure the results of those projects.
3. Locating Affected Land Owners. Environmental Services uses Parcel data to locate and notify landowners who may be affected by inspections of ES facilities or proposed sewer construction projects.

2011 Employment Data (Libby Starling 651 602-1135) **postponed to next CDC meeting**

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled CDC meeting will be held on February 6, 2012 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