

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting date: December 1, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Robert Lilligren, D6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Victor Obisakin, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vice Chair, Toni Carter, D14 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 | | |

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council Member Lilligren.

Agenda approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Chamblis to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2025, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Public Hearing

2025-314 Public Hearing on the Adoption of Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing Goals for 2021-2030 for the Cities of Anoka, Champlin, and Norwood Young America (Emily Seddon 651-602-1023)

No one spoke at the hearing.

Non-Consent business

1. 2025-310 Accept the Public Comment Report and Adopt the Regional Parks and Trails

Policy Plan, Modernizing Mapping Project (Tracey Kinney 651-602-1029; Kevin Phan 651-602-1345)

It was moved by Carter, seconded Wulff that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Accept the Public Comment Summary Report on the draft amendment to the 2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan; and
2. Adopt the revised final 2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan Amendment as shown in Attachment 2.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion.

2. 2025-302 Plat Monitoring Program Update (MacKenzie Young Walters 651-602-1373)

It was moved by Morales, seconded Carter that the Metropolitan Council update the Plat Monitoring Program as follows:

- 1) For cities enrolled in the Plat Monitoring Program, the Met Council will calculate net residential density by combining the average net density of the city's last 10 years of actual platting or the average net density of the city's last 10 plats, if fewer than 10 plats have been recorded in the last 10 years, and the lowest allowable density on land identified to support forecasted growth for the relevant staging period. Cities may elect not to have their plat monitoring program data included in the calculations.
- 2) Eligibility for the Plat Monitoring Program should be restricted to cities with the Suburban Edge and Rural Center community designations.

Motion carried.

The Committee asked for clarification on how Imagine 2050's density policy would be applied to cities during the period between now and the adoption of the 2050 Comprehensive Plans. Staff responded that to implement Imagine 2050 as required by the implementation timeline adopted by the Metropolitan Council this summer, cities would need ensure that all amendments to comprehensive plans not currently meeting Imagine 2050's density policy maintain or increase existing planned net average density to be found consistent with Metropolitan Council policy. Cities that propose comprehensive plan amendments that either decrease the net average density below Imagine 2050's density requirements or, if currently below, further decrease the net average density would be found to be inconsistent with Metropolitan Council policy.

3. 2025-304 2050 Planning Assistance Grant Program and Small Communities Planning Program Funding Award Recommendations (Lisa Barajas 651-602-1895)

It was moved by Morales, seconded Lindstrom that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Set the grant award amounts for the 2050 Planning Assistance Grant Program as follows:
 - a. The base award amounts for eligible communities are as follows:
 - i. Sewered communities: \$40,000
 - ii. Unsewered communities: \$25,000
 - iii. County or Consortium: \$110,000
 - b. Eligible Planning Assistance Grant Program participants may choose to opt-in to either or both of the following incentive grants:
 - i. Advancing Regional Goals: \$10,000
 - ii. Early Plan Completion: \$4,000



- iii. If an eligible participant opts into an incentive grant program and later either chooses not to or is unable to complete program requirements, they shall forfeit those grant dollars but there shall be no penalty.
2. Set the funding amounts for the 2050 Small Communities Planning Program as follows:
 - a. Each eligible community shall have an identified not-to-exceed (NTE) engineering budget allocation based on need and expected planning effort as determined by the type of wastewater and water supply services further detailed in Table 3 and Attachment 1 of this report.
 - b. Any additional engineering costs would be required to be the responsibility of the local government.

Motion carried. One dissenting vote

CM Wulff inquired whether unused incentive grant funds could be redirected to other cities that are not eligible under the existing criteria but still have a low net tax capacity per capita. Barajas explained that grant dollars are not fully paid out until the grantee has completed the plan requirements, so not until well after the deadline for comprehensive plans at the end of 2028. CM Morales discussed the Land Use Advisory Committee's consideration of the criteria (net tax capacity per capita) and what changes would mean for grant awards and the impact that those awards might have on communities. Committee members discussed the benefits of the focus on smaller communities.

Information

none

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Community Development Committee meeting of December 1, 2025.

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