

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting date: March 2, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Robert Lilligren, D6
- Vice Chair, Toni Carter, D14
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Anjuli Cameron, District 8

- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Chai Lee, District 13

- Victor Obisakin, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present, E = excused

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 Chamblis, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

1. **2026-59:** Metro HRA Administration Plan Revision – Bring It Home (Stephanie Paulson 651-602-1584)

It was moved by Carter, seconded by Obisakin that the Metropolitan Council approve the revisions to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Administrative Plan as described in this report and attachments.

Staff and the Committee members discussed the collection of sales tax, confirming collecting in perpetuity. Committee members asked about the number of vouchers and partnerships and the creation of an RFP the end of April. A Committee member suggested adding actual language of chapters and inquired if other entities are getting vouchers. Staff confirmed varying degrees of execution for BIH vouchers. Affordability was discussed, Federal requirements, stabilizing impact, and monitoring program.

Motion carried.

2. **2026-48 JT:** 1st Quarter/Carry forward Budget Amendment (Heather Giesel 651-602-1715)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Lee that the Metropolitan Council authorize the 2026 Unified Budget amendment as indicated, and in accordance with, the attached tables.

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

Motion carried.

3. **2026-62:** Adopt the 2026 Community Development Work Plan (LisaBeth Barajas 651-602-1895)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Carter that the Community Development Committee adopt the proposed committee work for 2025 as outlined in this business item.

A typo was noticed in the proposed actions, should be 2025, not 2026. Committee members appreciate the upcoming topics. Lilligren suggested adding information on the TOD policy and the TOD emphasis of Transit vs. Development.

Motion carried.

Information

Outdoors for Everyone, Minnesota Parks and Trails Legacy Fund Update (Emmett Mullin 651-602-1360)

In 2008, Minnesotans voted to amend the State Constitution to add the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment and its 3/8% increase to the state sales tax. By law, these funds supplement, but do not supplant other existing funding for the protection and promotion of Minnesota's natural resources including clean water, outdoor recreation, and the arts.

The original Parks and Trails Legacy Plan set forth a big vision to, "connect everyone to the outdoors, inspiring a legacy of stewardship for the natural world, providing fun recreational opportunities that strengthen friendships, families, health, and spirit, now and into the future..." The 2025 Outdoors for Everyone Report highlights recent Parks and Trails Legacy projects implemented across the Metropolitan area and Minnesota. The report shares examples from the Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails' System, the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails' System, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' State Parks and Trails System.

The emphasis of today's Community Development Committee meeting will be to highlight the Legacy fund's work across the Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails System.

To date, the Legacy fund has had an enormous impact increasing access to our regional system, with investments ranging from expanding outdoor opportunities and better connections for prioritized communities to constructing new visitor gathering centers.

The Metropolitan Council serves as the regional planning agency that supports the work of the ten regional park implementing agencies that operate our Metro system. This fund was authorized for 25-years, beginning in 2010 and sunseting in 2034, if not reauthorized.

Our work together seeks to help ensure that all communities are enjoying the benefits of this critical fund. Our collective hope is that in 2035, Minnesotans will look back across the 25-year plan implementation and say that the Parks and Trails Legacy Amendment made a big



difference in our state.

Staff and Committee Members discussed the ramping up for re-authorization of funding, the role of legislation and the reduction in funding over the years.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:09 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 March 2, 2026.

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