

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting date: January 20, 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 Carter, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business – Reports of standing committees

1. 2026-17: City of South St. Paul South Concord Corridor Small Area Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File no. 22398-5 (Merritt Clapp-Smith 651-602-1567)

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of South Saint Paul to place its comprehensive plan amendment into

effect.

2. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
3. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Wastewater Services.

Motion carried.

The Community Development Committee recommended approval of the proposed action without questions or discussion as part of its consent agenda.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

1. 2026-18: City of Maplewood Century Ponds Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File No. 22007-10 (Patrick Boylan 651-602-1438)

It was moved by Lee, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council

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

Motion carried.

Committee members inquired about development patterns and community designation transitions. Staff explained the design for higher densities, the relationship with Council goals, and implementation. The need for holding communities to next plan when changes are approved was questioned.

Information

1. 2026 Livable Communities Funding Allocation Recommendation (Emily Seddon 651-602-1023)
Staff discussed the LCA accounts and statutory requirements. Proposed scenarios were provided for discussion.
2. System Statements (Lisa Barajas 651-602-1895)
Staff provided information on system statements and the hearing process for appeals, which are rare,

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:22 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 January 20, 2026.

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