Minutes

Land Use Advisory Committee

Meeting date: September 17, 2026 **Time**: 4:00 PM **Location:** 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- ☒ Chair, Diego Morales, District 9
- ☐ Vacant, District 1
- ☒ Lona Doolan, District 2
- ☐ Vacant, District 3
- ☒ Gerald Bruner, District 4 Carver
- ☒ Kathi Mocol, District 4 Scott
- ☐ Sean Hayford Oleary, District 5
- ☒ Robert Glisky, District 6
- ☐ Gunnar Carlson, District 7
- ☐ Noah Keller, District 8
- ☐ Beketa Jilo, District 9
- ☒ Dan Roe, District 10
- ☐ Kirsten Libby, District 11
- ☒ William Droste, District 12
- ☐ Mai Chong Xiong, District 13
- ☐ Heather Worthington, District 14
- ☐ Christos Jensen, District 15
- ☐ Daniel Wolter, District 16

☒ = Present

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 Morales called the regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Chair Morales.

Agenda approved

Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. The agenda was accepted.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Doolan, seconded by Bruner to approve the minutes of September 17, 2026, regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee. **Motion carried**.

Information

1. Flexible Rural Development Standards Update (Freya Thamman and MacKenzie Young-Walters)

   Thamman and Young-Walters gave a presentation on the Flexible Rural Development Standards proposed updates as outlined in the materials provided.

Bruner asked about Carver County. Young-Walters noted Laketown Township is the only community that would utilize these guidelines. He noted the majority of Carver County is agriculture.

Droste asked, regarding cluster systems, are there requirements that they connect in time? Young-Walters stated that as they develop with these standards, then yes, however, if they're out of the long-term service area, we do not expect them to connect.

Mocol asked if there are any plans to address issues in Shakopee. Young-Walters stated that if the area is within the MUSA, the expectation is that they would develop using these updates.

Roe asked about the 25/75 split. Young-Walters gave more clarification on the thinking behind this.

Doolan posed the question for thought: what is the long-term cost associated with 50/50 versus 25/75 developments.

Droste asked if there is a liability for individual treatment systems, if they're within the MUSA. Young-Walters stated there is not.

Doolan discussed shared costs. Young-Walters responded that the Metropolitan Council is conservative with these standards and noted it is a consideration.

Chair Morales stated he would like to see more information on impacts of changing 20% to 30% or 35%.

2. Climate Action Toolkit and Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Demonstration (Abi Phillips)

   Phillips gave a demonstration of the Climate Action Toolkit and Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment as outlined in the materials provided.

   Doolan discussed work being done at the University of Minnesota and spoke to her appreciation of work with partners in this work.

   Droste asked how connected this work is to MnDOT and Transportation Advisory Board. He discussed added costs and noted it all comes down to funding. Phillips stated there are definitely connections within the Metropolitan Council.

   Doolan discussed disability worked into their climate action plan as seen in other countries. Phillips showed, in the tool, where this type of thing can be compared.

   Droste asked about artificial intelligence usage. Phillips stated there is value in a credible person who knows their community putting their own thought, etc. in.

   Doolan commented on the definition of Climate Mitigation and asked about human intensity. Phillips agreed and appreciated the comment.

   Doolan asked about the statutory basis and when it started. Phillips believes it was adopted in 2023 but not stated it was not part of the 2040 comprehensive plan updates. She feels this tool will greatly assist communities in their planning.

   Glisky discussed flood risk areas. Phillips noted localized flooding within the toolkit that will provide strategies.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Land Use Advisory Committee meeting of September 17, 2026.

Approved this19 day of November 2026.

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