

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting date: May 18, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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

With a quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:13 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda approved

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Obisakin to approve the minutes of April 20, and May 4, 2026, regular meetings of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent Business

2026-86 City of Bayport Bayhaven 2nd Addition Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22164-4 (Emma Dvorak, 651-602-1399)

It was moved by Carter, 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 Bayport to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
2. Revise the Thrive MSP 2040 and Imagine 2050 community designations for the amendment site from Rural Residential to Suburban as shown in Figure 2b in the Review Record.
3. Find that the amendment does not change the City's forecasts.
4. Advise the City to implement the advisory comments in the Review Record for Land Use

Motion carried.

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

Information

1. American Indian Park and Trail Places Names Series Info Item (Tracey Kinney and Allison Waukau, Place Name Partners: Maggie Lorentz, Executive Director, Wakan Tipi Awanyankapi; Carrie Day Aspinwall, Special Project Consultant, CDA Enterprises; Alice Messer, Manager, Design and Construction, Saint Paul Community Development / Regional Parks and Trails)

Kinney started with introductions of the Place and Name Partners and gave a presentation on the American Indian Park and Trail Place Names Series as outlined in the materials provided.

Waukau and Lorentz discussed the creation of this toolkit and the engagement that they're doing. The engagement was very well attended and went very well with intentional conversations that were powerful and rewarding.

Liam Athas, Intern gave a presentation on the initial findings of the draft Place Names Toolkit as outlined in the presentation.

Chair Lilligren commented on his appreciation of this work.

Wulff noted that this is a great learning opportunity and discussed MPOSC's appreciation of this work as well. She feels it will be a great resource.

Carter shared her appreciation of this work as well.

Waukau thanked Chair Lilligren for his leadership on this work as well as Tracy Kinney and many others for their taking part in this work.

2. Modernizing Community Profiles to Meet Regional Data Needs (Krysten Ryba-Tures)

Ryba-Tures gave a project update on Modernizing Community Profiles as outlined in the materials provided.

Wulff noted the City of Lakeville is already begun their update of their Comprehensive Plan Update. They may be a good source to partner with.

Chair Lilligren commented on data parody and noted it could be a good place to start. He also discussed disparities and how that is important to him.

Carter didn't see dynamic exploration within the link. Ryba-Tures explained as you look at a section, i.e., population, additional examples will pop-up.

Wulff discussed privacy concerns and data reliability concerns.

Announcements

Barajas shared two funding awards from the Legislature bonding appropriation. First, \$10 million for Parks and Trails and second, \$5 million for Community Tree Planting program.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:25 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 May 18, 2026.

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