



Minutes

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: December 15, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

- Chair, Robert Lillgren, 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 Vice Chair Toni Carter 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 Carter.

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 December 1, 2025, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

1. **2025-315 SW:** Adoption of Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing Goals for 2021-2030 for the Cities of Anoka, Champlin, and Norwood Young America, Resolution No. 2025-40 (Emily Seddon 651-602-1023)

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Lee, that the Metropolitan Council approve attached resolution 2025-40, adopting Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing Goals for 2021-2030 adopted by the cities of Anoka, Champlin, and Norwood Young America for participation in the Livable Communities Act programs for 2026-2030.

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

Motion carried.

2. **2025-318** Funding Recommendation for 2025 Round Two Livable Communities Tax Base Revitalization Account Grants (Marcus Martin 651-602-1054)

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Chamblis that the Metropolitan Council award twelve (12) Livable Communities Act Tax Base Revitalization Account Grants totaling \$3,536,100 as shown in Table 1 below.

2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

Table 1. Tax Base Revitalization Account Grant Recommendations		
Minneapolis	CORA Townhomes	\$189,200
Saint Paul	Rondo Revitalize	\$50,000
Hastings EDRA	Gateway Block Redevelopment	\$55,300
Plymouth	Scattered Site and Cornerstone Auto Redevelopment	\$150,000
Minneapolis	Henn 25 Shops	\$130,900
Minneapolis	Native American Community Clinic and Housing	\$250,500
Minneapolis	Rise Up Center	\$49,200
Roseville EDA	Twin Lakes Technology Center	\$325,000
Saint Louis Park EDA	Beltline Station	\$342,500
Saint Louis Park EDA	Minnetonka Boulevard Twin Homes	\$432,700
Saint Paul	Face to Face	\$60,800
Saint Paul	Hamm's Brewery West End	\$1,500,000
TOTAL		\$3,536,100

The Committee asked about the frequency and support for projects as they progress through the development process. Staff noted that about one-third of projects apply for more than one

type LCA grant. Staff provide technical assistance before and after grant awards. The Committee highlighted the need for cleanup at the Roseville site and considered the potential need for future grants. Support was also noted for the proposed co-housing opportunities in The CORA Townhomes project.

Motion carried.

3. **2025-319** Funding Recommendation for 2025 Livable Communities Local Housing Incentives Account Grants (Emily Seddon 651-602-1023)

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

1. Award four multifamily rental Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) grants as shown in Table 1, totaling \$2.5 million.
2. Authorize the Executive Director of Community Development to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the Council.

<i>Table 1. 2025 LHIA Award Recommendation Grantee</i>	Project	LHIA Funding Recommendation
Anoka County HRA	Heights Ridge Apartments (Columbia Heights)	\$750,000
Minneapolis	Flour Exchange	\$650,000
Saint Paul	Hamm's Brewery – East End Apartments	\$600,000
Saint Paul	Torre de San Miguel	\$500,000
TOTAL		\$2,500,000

Council Members asked about the mix of projects that requested funding and why so many were in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Staff explained that because the Local Housing Incentives Account (LHIA) awards are made through the Minnesota Housing Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP) process, which includes multiple funding partners, we tend to see less variation among projects because the projects that apply typically meet all the funding partners' goals. For projects that apply directly to the Met Council for a Livable Communities grant from the Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA), we tend to see a greater geographic spread across the region.

Council Members requested information on what projects Minnesota Housing selected to fund after their board met later in the week. Director Barajas emailed this information on Dec. 19, 2025.

Motion carried.

Information

none

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the

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