

# Business Item

Community Development Committee



**Committee meeting date:** March 2, 2026

This item is adopted by the Committee and does not require further Council action.

## Business Item: 2026-62

Adopt the 2026 Community Development Work Plan

<b>District(s), member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/legal reference:</b>	None
<b>Staff prepared/presented:</b>	LisaBeth Barajas, Executive Director (651-602-1895)
<b>Division/department:</b>	Community Development

### Proposed action

That the Community Development Committee adopt the proposed committee work for 2025 as outlined in this business item.

### Background

Each year, the Community Development Committee approves an annual work plan to guide its business and meeting agendas. The annual work plan typically includes ongoing business of the Council, special projects/initiatives anticipated during the year, regular reports and information items, and special reports by invited speakers.

The Work Plan is intended to be a guide to the Committee's work, provide staff direction, and is considered flexible and modifiable as the year progresses. After completing significant program work and new implementation directions in 2025 as identified in the adopted Imagine 2050, in 2026, Council staff are turning toward an implementation focus in the work. Council staff discussed the draft work plan with the Committee at the February 17, 2026, Committee meeting and have incorporated the Committee's input and prepared the Work Plan below for the Committee's consideration and adoption, including the tentative schedule of items. The scheduling of items may be adjusted to accommodate required statutory deadlines for certain items such as comprehensive plan amendments and grant applications, as well as to accommodate project schedules and provide for balanced meeting agendas.

### Proposed 2026 Community Development Committee Work Plan

The Work Plan is organized among the following categories: Regular Business, 2026 Initiatives, Information and Regular Reports, and Invited Speakers. In addition to the 2026 Initiatives section, other initiatives or special projects for 2026 are listed under work unit headings and with an asterisk (\*), particularly where that initiative is work unit specific.

#### **Regular Business**

##### ***Housing & Livable Communities***

- Livable Communities Act Annual Fund Distribution Plan

- Recommendations for Livable Communities Act grants
  - Round 1 Awards
  - Round 2 Awards
  - Consolidated Request for Proposals (RFP) Awards
- Livable Communities Act grant amendments, extensions – as needed
- Livable Communities Act – new community enrollments, as needed
- Monitoring, evaluation, and compliance framework\*

### *Local Planning Assistance*

- Review of Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- Annual report on Comprehensive Plan Amendment Trends
- Flexible Development Guidelines update\*

### *Metro HRA*

- Public Housing Agency Plan including Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan
  - Set Public Hearing date
  - Public Hearing
  - Approval
- Update Utility Allowance Schedule
- Annual Payment Standards / Small Area Fair Market Rents
  - Information report on Small Area Fair Market Rents
- Continued exploration of Wealth Building Opportunities and programs for voucher holders\*
- Residential preferences of housing choice voucher program participants\*
- Bring It Home - Statewide Rent Assistance Program\*
- Metropolitan Housing Opportunities Program (MHOP) Conversion\*
- Family Affordable Housing Program – sale/replacement of units
- Mobility Demonstration Program update

### *Regional Parks*

- Regional Park and Trail Long Range Plan and Plan Amendment reviews – ongoing
- Regional Park and Trail grant reviews (Parks and Trails Legacy, Bonding) – ongoing
- Regional Parks Operations and Maintenance Allocations
- Regional Parks and Trails System Map update\*
- System additions process scoping\*
- Update on communities of color in regional parks research\*
- Minnesota Parks Artists in Residence (MNPAiR) 2.0\*
- Annual report on administrative review of parks long range plan amendments\*
- 2026 Regional Parks Visitor Study\*
- Parks Acquisition Opportunity Fund grants – ongoing

### *Community Development Budget & Grants*

- Budget amendments, as needed, generally quarterly
- 2027 Budget Initial discussion
- 2027 Community Development Division annual operating budget review
- 2027 Community Development Division annual capital budget
- Annual report on Community Development grants

### *Research and Reports*

- Agricultural Preserves Report



- Housing Research and Trends including:
  - Housing Policy and Production
  - Progress toward allocated affordable housing need (housing report card)
- Data from the American Community Survey
- Fiscal Disparities Report
- Plat Monitoring Program Report
- Annual Population and Households Estimates
- Regional Parks and Trails Use Estimates
- Land Use Inventory\*
- Ongoing and emerging research

### **2026 Initiatives**

- Imagine 2050 Implementation
  - System Statements Hearings and resolutions
  - Launch of Technical Assistance across all plan areas (Local Planning Handbook, PlanIt, and other technical assistance tools), including, but not limited to:
    - Envisioning Density
    - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Tool
    - Housing Toolkit
  - Small Communities and Planning Assistance Grant Programs
  - Art + Policy integration and Imagine 2050 impact report
  - Imagine 2050 Outcomes Measurement Program update
  - American Indian commitments – update on progress
- 2026 Community Tree Planting Grant Program
  - Notice of Funding Availability
  - Recommendations for Grant Awards
- Implementation of CDC-related components of the Climate Action Work Plan
  - Energy efficiency projects for Metro HRA FAHP
  - Reporting on progress toward climate actions in Imagine 2050
  - Climate action toolkit
- Community Profiles update

### **Invited Speaker/Panel Presentations**

- Topic: Impacts of the changing economy on workforce and Council programs
- Topic: Impacts of federal activities on the region's economy





Tentative Plan Schedule																							
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