

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting date: February 17, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:10 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 Chamblis, seconded by Lindstrom to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

1. 2026-51 City of Lino Lakes Main Street Master Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22387-4 (Emma Dvorak 651-602-1399)

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

1. Authorize the City of Lino Lakes 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 Regional Parks and Trails, Wastewater. Forecasts, Water Supply and Land Use.

Motion carried.

2. 2026-52 City of Dayton Unsewered Rural Residential Interim Use Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22507-4 (Freya Thamman 651-602-1750)

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

1. Authorize the City of Dayton 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 Land Use.

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. 2026-29: Rice Creek North Regional Trail Long-Range Plan, Anoka County (Zoey Mauck 651-602-1398)

It was moved by Lindstrom, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council approve Anoka County's Rice Creek North Regional Trail Long-Range Plan.

Chair Lilligren asked for clarification on the archaeological remains found on park property. Mauck responded that the remains were not discovered as part of this project, but that there is documentation from the 1970s indicating that a skeleton was found in this area. Therefore, it is considered a grave site and should be avoided for development.

Motion carried.

2. 2026-50: Forecast adjustments following 2025 System Statements (Todd Graham 651-602-1322)

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Revise local forecasts in Imagine 2050 for 16 cities and townships, as detailed in Table 1.
2. Revise sewer-serviced forecasts in the Water Policy Plan for 15 cities and townships, as detailed in Table 2.
3. Revise Affordable Housing Need allocations in the Housing Policy Plan for 15 cities and townships as detailed in Table 3.
4. Include the information in revised System Statements to be re-issued.

Committee Member Chambliss asked whether peer metro planning agencies, nationwide, also experience slowing growth; they do. Council Member Carter asked whether all work



arrangements, such as remote work or contract work, are reflected in our employment metrics. Council staff reply that employment forecasts are benchmarked to employment counts at business addresses; Council staff aim to develop and implement a method or technique for distinguishing remote employment estimates from workplace-based employment estimates; Council staff aim for this to be a feature of the Council's 2060 forecast products.

Motion carried.

Information

2026 Community Development Committee Work Plan (Lisa Barajas 651-602-1895)

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. At this meeting, Council staff seek direction from the Committee Members on the proposal below, with the following questions in mind:

- Are there areas of policy that the Committee would like to discuss and clarify?
- Is there any additional information or reports that the Committee seeks to better inform its work?
- Are there any invited speaker or panel presentations that the Committee is interested in to better inform its work?

Council staff will incorporate the Committee's input and prepare a Work Plan for adoption. This finalized Work Plan will also include a tentative timeline for the different items in the 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.

Estimated dates will be added as staff finalize the Work Plan for the Committee's adoption at an upcoming meeting in March.

Committee members and Director Barajas discussed additions to the work plan. Suggestions included the implementation of the Climate Action Plan, resolutions for job growth, and supported services.

Barajas responded that her team has lots of thoughts and are monitoring impacts.

Committee members continued with suggestions for discussions regarding the need for recovery and re-building with real time impacts, grants for smaller developers vs large developers, AI, flexibility in policies, re-visit work completed, and comprehensive plan updates.

Barajas commented on profile updates and modernizing technology. Next steps: draft at an upcoming Community Development Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:04 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 February 17, 2026.

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