

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting date: September 21, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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| ☒ Chair, Robert Lilligren, D6 | ☒ Diego Morales, District 9 | ☒ Victor Obisakin, District 15 |
| ☒ Vice Chair, Toni Carter, D14 | ☒ Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | ☒ Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| ☐ Reva Chamblis, District 2 | ☐ Chai Lee, District 13 | ☒ = present, E = excused |
| ☐ 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 4:00 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Carter to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2026, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee. **Motion carried.**

Consent business

Consent Business Adopted (Items 1-2)

1. **2026-168:** Adoption of Utility Allowance Schedule for Metro HRA Rent Assistance Programs (Steve Victorey, 651-602-1461)

That the Metropolitan Council approve the attached Utility Allowance Schedule as shown in Table 2 for use in the Housing Choice Voucher and other rent assistance programs effective January 1, 2027.

2026 Utility Allowance																		
	UNIT SIZE AND TYPE																	
	0			1			2			3			4			5		
	APT	TH	SF	APT	TH	SF	APT	TH	SF	APT	TH	SF	APT	TH	SF	APT	TH	SF
Heating																		
Natural Gas	37	45	49	42	50	56	48	64	68	53	79	84	59	94	98	65	109	114
Electric	36	52	86	42	61	101	58	80	119	73	99	136	89	119	154	105	138	172
Bottle Gas	60	75	86	71	89	101	83	103	119	95	118	136	108	133	154	120	148	172
Oil	97	122	139	115	144	164	135	168	192	155	192	221	175	216	250	195	240	279
Cooking																		
Natural Gas	5			5			6			8			9			10		
Electric	7			9			13			16			20			24		
Bottle Gas	6			7			10			13			15			18		
Oil	NA			NA			NA			NA			NA			NA		
Water Heating																		
Natural Gas	9			10			14			18			22			26		
Electric	25			29			37			45			53			61		
Bottle Gas	14			17			24			32			40			47		
Oil	23			28			40			52			64			76		
Other Electric	35	43	47	45	56	61	58	72	80	71	89	98	84	105	116	97	122	135
Water	12			17			22			27			34			39		
Water-Selected Rural Communities	23			32			41			50			63			72		
Sewer	20			27			35			43			55			62		
Sewer-Selected Rural Communities	32			45			58			71			90			103		
Trash	32			32			34			36			36			36		
Range	4			4			4			4			4			4		
Refrigerator	4			4			4			4			4			4		

2. **2026-149 SW:** 2027 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan Approval (Stephanie Paulson 651-602-1584)

That the Metropolitan Council:

1. Approve the 2027 Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan, including changes to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan as described in this report and attachments.
2. Authorize the Metropolitan Council staff to execute the required certifications.
3. Direct staff to submit the final PHA Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Obisakin.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

1. **2026-167 SW:** City of Lakeville Tradition Development Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Review File 22077-17 (Patrick Boylan, 651-602-1438)

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Lindstrom, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the



attached Review Record and take the following actions:

1. Authorize the City of Lakeville 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 wastewater, transportation, forecasts, and surface water management.

Wulff – This was needed to accommodate growth.

Wulff – Pointed out areas on the Proposed 2040 MUSA slide, stated that the landowner there are not ready for develop the land.

Motion carried.

Information

1. 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Program: Metro HRA and Regional Parks (Heather Giesel, 651-602-1715)

The 2027–2032 Capital Improvement Plan highlights Metro HRA housing investments and Regional Parks system funding, outlining the distinction between authorized capital projects, annual capital budgets, and long-range planning needs; it details Council-owned housing operations and \$5.6M in planned improvements, describes the regional parks system's scale and statutory roles, and summarizes major funding streams including Legacy, ENRTF, State bonding, and Council bonds, which together support \$615M in total parks capital programming, with timelines for public review and final adoption in late 2026.

Lindstrom – Does the current energy efficiency project relate to this budget plan?

Terri Smith – We have contracted different entities to conduct energy efficiency audits for the family portal housing program units. Some of them will come through as improvements through our operating budget. If there's bigger ticket items that are um such as window replacements, they will go through the capital improvement program.

2. "Land Acknowledgement Art Project" (Thony Thao 651-602-1310, Allison Waukau 651-602-1590, and Erika Herrmann 651-602-1449)

The presentation provides an update on the Council's Land Acknowledgement Art Project, describing how the effort aims to turn the Land, Water, and People Acknowledgement into permanent, visible artwork at three Council facilities by creating opportunities for artists to interpret themes of land, water, people, history, culture, and place; guided by the American Indian Advisory Council, the project emphasizes reducing barriers, supporting artists, and ensuring Native representation, while current work focuses on site planning, establishing advisory committees, and finalizing procurement so that artist outreach, selection, and eventual design, fabrication, and installation can proceed toward permanent public art that carries the Council's commitment forward

Wulff – Do we have a budget for this yet?

Thony Thao – Yes, we have allocated \$100,000 for a budget total for all three sites.

Angela Torres - Met with regional administrator when we were planning for a budget and all three divisions represented at all three of those sites are contributing some funds for that overall budget.

Wulff - Where are you planning on putting the art?

Thony Thao – We are working the sites, with possible location on the interior and exterior.

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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 September 21, 2026.

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