

Minutes

Land Use Advisory Committee



Meeting date: January 15, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Diego Morales, District 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Glisky, District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Droste, District 12 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom McKee, District 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gunnar Carlson, District 7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mai Chong Xiong, District 13 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lona Doolan, District 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Noah Keller, District 8 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Worthington, District 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Beketa Jilo, District 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christos Jensen, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bruner, District 4 Carver | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Roe, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Wolter, District 16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kathi Mocol, District 4 Scott | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirsten Libby, District 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = Present |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean Hayford Oleary, District 5 | | |

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 Morales called the regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda approved

Committee members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda. The agenda was accepted.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by McKee, seconded by Glisky to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025, regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

Business

1. Appointment of Vice Chair William Droste.

It was moved by Xiong, seconded by Doolan, that the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) approves the appointment of William Droste as the Committee's Vice Chair for 2026.

Motion carried.

2. **2026-19:** MUSA Implementation Guidelines Update (MacKenzie Young-Walters, 651-602-1373)

Young-Walters gave a quick overview/update on the MUSA Implementation Guidelines as outlined in the materials provided.

It was moved by Bruner, seconded by Doolan, that the Metropolitan Council adopt the 2026 MUSA Implementation Guidelines as shown in Attachment 1, replacing the current Metropolitan Urban Service Area (MUSA) Implementation Guidelines.

Motion carried.

Information

1. Imagine 2050 Outcomes Measurement Program (Krysten Ryba-Tures, 651-602-1821, Sarah Nelson, 651-602-1396)

Ryba-Tures and Nelson gave a presentation on Imagine 2050 Outcomes Measurement Program as outlined in the materials provided.

Xiong asked, “How would you use equity as a piece? How are they measured?” Ryba-Tures responded that our goal is to share information and stated they don’t have the criteria to measure that.

Worthington stated, regarding transit centered growth, that it feels it would be helpful to add a layer that shows parking surfaces and also a layer that shows vacant lots.

Bruner would like to see more local control over land use.

Doolan discussed target goal setting.

Chair Morales stated he would like to look at the Natural System and Housing For all. Ryba-Tures reviewed Natural System.

Xiong discussed equity and the Rondo neighborhood.

Hayford Oleary asked if the indicator seems to be irrelevant or if it leads to a bad conclusion that’s relevant. Ryba-Tures stated once we have data, we will look at relevance. Measures aren’t meant to be used individually.

Hayford Oleary stated he is concerned with transit centered growth. He asked about natural systems and regional measures. Ryba-Tures discussed being inclusive without including every little space.

Doolan discussed giving value to collaboration and discussed watershed working with communities on stormwater issues.

Glisky discussed regional measures that advance climate resiliency. Ryba-Tures stated we are thinking about these things but will be working with local governmental units.

Doolan asked about the process going forward. Ryba-Tures discussed ongoing process to be expected and the dashboard.

Jensen, regarding housing for all, asked about proportion of housing types and community’s needs. Also, under Natural System – he likes measure but asked how we connect to outcomes. Ryba-Tures stated that one way we understand community needs is through comprehensive plan updates.

Roe noted that most communities do housing studies that look at types of housing.

Doolan offered long-term sustainability measures should be considered for natural systems.

Worthington asked about naturally affordable housing measures. Ryba-Tures stated this is a tough one and she would love to find a way to get at this.



2. Update on the System Statement Hearings (LisaBeth Barajas, 651-602-1895)

Barajas gave an update on the System Statement Hearings as outlined in the presentation provided. She discussed 5 formal requests for hearings. Three will be at a Court of Administrative Hearings, one was resolved, and one will be heard by LUAC on April 9.

Jensen asked who decides if the hearing goes to LUAC or Court of Administrative Hearings. Barajas stated that it is up to the local governmental unit.

Doolan asked how soon the committee could expect to get materials prior to a hearing. Barajas stated it would be a couple of weeks prior to the hearing.

Hayford Oleary asked about forecasting and why cities want higher growth. Barajas stated it often has to do with infrastructure being provided based on forecasted growth.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Land Use Advisory Committee meeting of January 15, 2026.

Approved this 19 day of March 2026.

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