

Minutes

Community Development Committee



Meeting date: May 4, 2026

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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

Without a quorum being present, Committee Chair Lilligren called the regular meeting of the Community Development Committee to order at 4:11 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

Due to a lack of quorum, Chair Lilligren noted the approval the minutes of April 20, 2026, regular meeting of the Community Development Committee would be tabled until a quorum becomes present or until the May 18, 2026 meeting.

Information

1. Parks and Trails System, Minor Amendment Administrative Process Check-In (Tracey Kinney)

Kinney gave an update on the Parks and Trails System, Minor Amendment Administrative Process as outlined in the materials provided.

Chair Lilligren asked if we have quantified how much time/money was saved with this process. Kinney responded that amendments typically would take three months. With this process, they are done in about a month.

Carter asked if MPOSC members have received this update Kinney noted that they receive an annual update. Kinney stated they receive an annual update.

2. Plan-It Update (Amber Turnquist and Gaby Olvera)

Turnquest and Olvera gave a Plan-It Update as outlined in the materials provided.

Chair Lilligren asked about office hours for coffee with planners and stated he would be interested in the response. He asked how this has been received. Turnquist noted that it has been very positive.

Carter complimented staff on this work and looks forward to an update on how this is received. She asked if there are podcasts or if that's been considered. Turnquist stated the feedback has not indicated a want/need for podcasts.

Carter asked if Council Members will see the planning handbook? Lisa Barajaas stated staff try not to make changes however, will make clarifying changes when questions arise.

Chair Lilligren commented on the Community Pages and stated he really appreciates being able to learn more about individual communities.

3. Regional Envisioning Growth Tools for Imagine 2050 Comprehensive Planning Updates (Holly Leaf)

Leaf gave an update on Regional Envisioning Growth Tools for Imagine 2050 Comprehensive Planning as outlined in the materials provided.

Cameron offered comments of support to this work.

Chair Lilligren commented how valuable he feels these tools would be.

Wulff discussed showing how much impervious surface is within a site because of recharge of aquifers, etc. She noted the sooner the better to get these tools out. Leaf stated they are hoping to go live as soon as the end of this month or early next month.

Carter feels these tools will be very welcomed by communities. She discussed making the tool accessible to non-professional people – perhaps younger people, the planners of our future.

Wulff suggested pictures of a 'normal backyard' would be helpful.

Chair Lilligren discussed the 'why's' of what we're presenting could be useful.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 5:13 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 May 4, 2026.

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