
COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (CLIC)

City of Brooklyn Park

January 10, 2019 CLIC Meeting Minutes

I. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Fraser called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Etta Gbeizon-Bornor, Sarah Dettmann, Kathy Fraser, Cory Funk, Trelawny Grant, Tom Hayes, Heidi Heinzl, Devale Hodge, Sheila Iteghete, Yordanos Kiflu-Martin, Laura Sell, Robin Turner, Kaade Wallace.

City Staff and Council Present: Erika Byrd, Rich Gates, Jesse Struve

Guest: Gordy Aune, Jr. (Charter Commission)

ABSENT: Doneva Carter

EXCUSED: Deval Hodge, Erik Meyers

Roll Call established that a quorum did exist.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION Fraser, SECOND Funk, TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO SWITCH 4.1 AND 4.3.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY approving the agenda as amended.

II. STATUTORY BUSINESS

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

MOTION Heinzl, SECOND Dettmann, APPROVING THE DECEMBER 13, 2018 MINUTES.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with no edits.

4. **GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS**

4.1 Economic Development Authority (EDA) Update

- Erika Byrd, Community Development staff member, provided power point presentation.
- Review of "WELCOME PROJECT" proposed by the George North Group which would be part of a \$832,000 grant received from the Metropolitan Council as part of Innovative Developments. Some enhancements included a solar canopy, public art, electric car charging stations, and rain gardens. NEXT STEP is to host community and neighborhood meetings.
- OPPORTUNITY ZONES as defined by the State of Minnesota was discussed. There are 200+ statewide with Brooklyn Park having one located from Zane Avenue on the west to Noble Parkway on the east, and 85th Avenue on the north to Brooklyn Boulevard on the south, including the creek and border with Brooklyn Center. Discussion was about the census tract, the 2017 Tax Cuts & Jobs Act, which includes a 10-year hold for tax incentives.
- Wallace asked if anything along the Blue Line LRT line could be considered for an Opportunity Zone to be used for Housing Continuum and Byrd answered No, not at this time, but would also be subject to specific developer and lawyer discussions.

- CENTER FOR INNOVATION & THE ARTS (CITA) is a collaboration with the Brooklyn Park Economic Development Authority (EDA), North Hennepin Community College (NHCC), Metropolitan State University, Hennepin County, and the Osseo ISD 279 School District. It involves the replacement of the current Fine Arts Center at NHCC with a multi-use building on the north side of 85th Avenue North. Timeline is as follows:
 - Vision work completed 2017
 - Collaboration and Pre-design started November 2018
 - Feasibility Study to begin March 2019
- Funk asked if there had been any interest in the Opportunity Zone area, specifically open land available in the Village Creek area along Brooklyn Boulevard. While an interesting thought, Byrd said there was no discussion. Struve mentioned it would be entirely up to NHCC to decide on location.
- BROOKLYN BOULEVARD TRAIL PROJECT – PHASE TWO was mentioned and is set to begin in 2020 and is within the Opportunity Zone. Struve added that this trail will eventually head west to Highway 81 Bottineau Boulevard.

4.2 Election of Officers

- CHAIR = Kathy Fraser
- VICE CHAIR = Kaade Wallace
- SECRETARY = Cory Funk

MOTION Gbeizon-Borner, SECOND Kiflu-Martin, TO APPROVE THE RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR ONE YEAR TERMS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4.3 CLIC Charter and Guidelines Discussion

4.3A CLIC Charter

- Discussion with Aune Jr., Charter Commission member, about potential changes to the current wording took place. Specifically located in Section 9.04 of the City Charter document.
- Aune Jr. noted that no other commissions are mentioned in original City Charter except for the Charter Commission and Citizen Long Range Improvement Committee (CLIC), which has since been changed to “Community Long Range Improvement Commission (CLIC).”
- Funk noted that C: Duties Number 4 should include “Work Plan” and that “budgetary items by July 1” be revised.
- Struve added that the due date should be “by March 31st or end of 1st Quarter.”
- Fraser confirmed that the D: Contents of Report could remain unchanged.
- Funk requested that “if applicable” or “if requested” could be added to E: Response by Council.
- Struve noted that he doesn’t recall ever receiving written responses.
- Parks mentioned that the usual reporting is usually an overview and that additional follow-up or work needs to be done.
- Fraser noted that perhaps “written” should be removed from D: Contents of Report.
- Discussion centered on A: where mayor appointed youth liaison and that it has not happened in most people’s memory. Decision to leave as is was made.
- Discussion occurred on B: Term of Office, specifically the middle section broken into three groups of five members is difficult to understand. Struve said he would take it to other Staff to discuss.

- Aune Jr. concluded discussion with noting that CLIC is unusual because it is essentially the only Commission with specifically assigned duties – we are free to discuss any and all topics. He also thanked us for our input and suggestions.

4.3B CLIC Guidelines

- Struve led discussion on supplied red lined “Operational Guidelines” document with instructions to change to “Bylaws.” Most changes are from “committee” to “commission” and others are to provide updated to match the new Commission task force changes on absences and election of officers.

MOTION Sell, SECOND Heinzel, TO APPROVE THE CLIC BYLAWS AS REVISED WITH RED LINED CHANGES AS PROVIDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. STANDING ITEMS

5.1 Age Friendly Brooklyn Park

- Recreation and Parks Commission (RPAC) has suggested a joint meeting to discuss the Age Friendly initiatives as it relates to the Park Plan, along with the “CITA” and performing arts facility as it relates to North Hennepin Community College.
- Meeting date of January 16, 2019 was cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m., requiring the potential cancellation of CLIC’s normal Thursday, February 14th meeting.

MOTION Funk, SECOND Turner, TO CANCEL CURRENTLY SCHEDULED CLIC THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019 7 P.M. MEETING DATE AND REPLACE WITH A JOINT CLIC / RPAC MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.2 Communications

- No further discussion, other than invitation to new Communications Coordinator to be extended for future meeting – possibly March 2019.

5.3 Housing Continuum

- Summary discussion from section 4.2 and 4.3 of the December minutes were overviewed along with the topic name change to add OUTLOOK as it relates to the current work the Human Rights Commission (HRC) is beginning.
- Wallace asked if eventually there should be a collaboration with HRC or joint meetings and to connect with staff. Struve said he would reach out to staff and the HRC Chair.

5.4 Redevelopment / Development

- No discussion beyond what Erika Byrd provided in 4.1 above.
- Highway 252 - now fully funded to convert to a freeway through additional bonding dollars and not the regional Metropolitan Council solicitation.
- No further discussion on LRT and railroad - remains an issue. Project startup in 2022?
- No further Village Creek discussion other than what Erika Byrd mentioned on EDA.
- No further discussion on other ongoing or new projects.

5.5 Future Planning

- Project Hotdish remains on hold and delayed by the Developer. AUAR is approved. City continues discussions with Champlin on 109th reconstruction.
- 2040 Comprehensive Plan submitted to the Met Council for final evaluation.
- CIP and CEP plans – approved by City Council.
- New website components to be revealed soon.
- Citywide Park System Plan – planning is ongoing.
- Naming and Memorial Donation Policy – no items to discuss.
- Resilient Communities Project (RCP) – City department updates as needed, UMN to conduct Five Year Review in 2022.

6. **VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

6.1 City Council Report: Council Member Terry Park's discussion centered on the Council work with the Highway 252 project, Blue Line LRT and the railroad, two new City Council Members, and thanking the commissioners for the work they are doing.

6.2 Staff Liaison Update: Jesse Struve

- No new discussion.

6.3 Open Discussion

- No new discussion.
- Previous discussion on Youth Liaison for appointment to CLIC will need to be taken up with Mayor Lunde.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

7.1 Adjournment:

MOTION Fraser, SECOND Dettmann, TO ADJOURN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Funk