
COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (CLIC)
City of Brooklyn Park
April 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: Kathy Fraser, Cory Funk, Etta Gbeizon-Bornor, Tom Hayes, Sheila Iteghete, Amy Meuers, Erik Meyers, Laura Sell, Robin Turner.

City Staff and Council Present: Jesse Struve, Councilmember Terry Parks
Guest: Chris Eriksen, Chair-Human Rights Commission (HRC)

ABSENT: Sarah Dettmann, Deval Hodge, Kaade Wallace

EXCUSED: Doneva Carter, Heidi Heinzl, Yordanos Kiflu-Martin
Roll Call established that a quorum did exist.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION Funk, SECOND Turner, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVING THE AGENDA as presented.

II. STATUTORY BUSINESS

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

MOTION Hayes, SECOND Meyers, APPROVING THE MARCH 14, 2019 MINUTES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with moving Hayes and Meyers to Excused Absence edits.

4. **GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS**

4.1 Update on what Human Rights Commission (HRC) is doing with housing policy

- Chris Eriksen, HRC Chair, presented the HRC Workplan and provided a review of the 3 HRC Subcommittees, one of which is on housing.
- Chair Eriksen stated the focus is on affordability and fair housing (equity) practices.
- Councilmember Parks provided background overview information on the City Council work to date.
- Turner and Gbeizon-Bornor had questions on the work plan that Chair Erikson responded to.
- Funk questioned if HRC was also reviewing the Comprehensive Plan housing policy section 4.5.1. Chair Erikson indicated that was new to HRC and he would take this back for review. CLIC may also want to review the EDA or Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) programs.
- Letter memo from Erika Boyd to Jesse Struve dated April 4th summarized the Met Council fair housing policy guidelines and the HRC March 21 meeting discussion, but also provided notice that Staff intends to bring a policy to City Council by June.
- Chair Erikson commented on the DRAFT City of Brooklyn Park Fair Housing Policy document as required by the Met Council, is an Executive Summary and somewhat “bare bones”, and that it is currently with the City’s legal counsel being reviewed.

- Sell suggested training and how City Staff can effectively see signs or potential issues.

5. STANDING ITEMS

5.1 Age Friendly Brooklyn Park

- No new information shared.

5.2 Communications

- No new information shared.
- Funk did note that the City has achieved TREE CITY USA status for the 18th year, also a TREE CITY USA Growth Award for the 12th year as reported on the website and in the local Sun Post newspaper.

5.3 Housing Continuum

- Chair Fraser stressed that we need to avoid any duplication of efforts with the work the Human Rights Commission (HRC) is doing.
- Meyers questioned barriers to affordable housing and why housing costs often do not match income levels. Struve responded on the difficulty involved.
- Funk spoke about rental housing vs homeownership which is part of a past discussion.
- Chair Fraser commented on Age demographics, census results, and longterm needs. Councilmember Parks noted that 2020 census numbers should help direct this.
- Meuers noted that youth outreach and homelessness is needed for connectivity.
- Hayes complimented the City on the citizen engagement thus far.
- Chair Fraser asked for a list of CLIC next steps on this topic – 6 were provided not in any specific order: 2020 census review, EDA annual review, housing info resources, NAP action plan, grant applications, future demographics data.

5.4 Redevelopment / Development

- Project Hotdish withdrawn by developer.
- County Road 81 from 71st/73rd area north to Greenhaven will be reconstructed over 2 summers – closed this summer completely – open winters.
- 101st/Hwy 169 project is fully funded – starts Oct/Nov 2019 and complete Fall 2020.
- City street mill and overlay plans for summer 2019 reviewed.
- 63rd Ave. N. on Brooklyn Center border to the west will be reconstructed also.
- No further discussion on Hwy 252 reconstruction and timeline. Project 2023-24.
- Chair Fraser and Past-Chair Funk were both selected for the Metro Blue Line LRT overview committee. No meetings planned while MNDOT and the railroad (lack of) discussion remains an issue. Project startup in 2022 or later?
- No further Village Creek discussion.

5.5 Future Planning

- 2040 Comprehensive Plan submitted to the Met Council for final evaluation.
- CIP and CEP plans – no new discussions.
- BP2025 – no new discussions.
- Citywide Park System Plan – planning continues. Construction at Mississippi Gateway has begun and Park Center field, dome, lighting is moving fast.
- 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. ***Note: need to update standing items document for 5-year review.

6. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 City Council Report: Council Member Terry Parks provided an update.

- 2020 census group in Brooklyn Park is teaming with Brooklyn Center.
- Mayor Lunde is taking his State of the Community address on the road to local organizations that are willing to have him present it again.
- Youth Day on the City Council is coming up.
- Edinburgh Golf Course is open and The Brooklyns restaurant operated by D'Amico's Catering will open the end of April.

6.2 Staff Liaison Update: Jesse Struve

- Nothing more to add than already discussed.

6.3 Open Discussion

- Welcome to our new CLIC Commissioners!
- Anyone not attending the April 3 Commissioner Orientation needs to pickup the new handbook and sign the waver form – return to Jesse Struve.
- Turner attended the Active Aging Events held at the CAC and provided positive reviews highlighting the “Seniors Helping Seniors” group.
- Sell provided commentary on Time Banks, a form of barter system.
- ***Youth Liaison for appointment to CLIC needs to be taken up with Mayor Lunde.
- Chair Fraser will not be able to attend the normally scheduled May meeting due to other commitments. May meeting will be held on the normal 2nd Thursday of the month.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjournment:

MOTION Fraser, SECOND Gbeizon-Bornor, TO ADJOURN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Cory Funk