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**COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (CLIC)**  
**City of Brooklyn Park**  
**June 13, 2019 CLIC Meeting Minutes**

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I. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Fraser called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.  
ROLL CALL PRESENT: Doneva Carter, Cory Funk, Etta Gbeizon-Bornor, Heidi Heinzl, Sheila Iteghete, Yordanos Kiflu-Martin, Amy Meuers, Erik Meyers, Laura Sell, Robin Turner, Kaade Wallace.

**City Staff and Council Present:** Jesse Struve, Jennifer Jordan, Antonio Smith  
**Guest:** None

**ABSENT:** Sarah Dettmann

**EXCUSED:** Tom Hayes, Devale Hodge, Terry Parks

Roll Call established that a quorum did exist.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION Turner to approve the agenda, SECOND Sell, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVING THE AGENDA as presented.

II. STATUTORY BUSINESS

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

MOTION Funk, SECOND Heinzl APPROVING the MAY 9, 2019 MINUTES as edited to fix a typo. Under Approval of Agenda; “Detman” name misspelled, changed to “Dettmann” and “Cindy” Sherman name misspelled as “City” in 4.1. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY with no further edits.

4. **GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS**

4.1 Community Development Update for CLIC

- Jen Jordan (Senior Project Manager) presented a PowerPoint discussing the details of the LRT, temporary plaza at the NE corner of 85<sup>th</sup> Ave N and West Broadway, Bottineau corridor wayfinding project, and an Economic Development Authority (EDA) update on redevelopment.
- Blue Line LRT extension is 90% designed and tentatively scheduled for construction starting in 2020, opening in 2024, dependent on BNSF negotiations.
- The Temporary Plaza Park was a result of the McKnight Foundation “Cultivate the Arts” grant and has been constructed by City workers. A call for artwork submissions has gone out to the community.
- Wayfinding on the Bottineau corridor is separate but collaborating with the Plaza Park and will exist for 3 years, continuing to evolve each year as an outdoor lab. Low cost but fun.
- Plans consists of a nature based play area, performance arts area, pathways and food truck parking for community based programs such as the Library or Rec on the Go programming.
- Questions that were brought up and discussed are:
  - Iteghete asked about parking and if it would interfere with the Library.  
Answer: Jordan said no.

- Kiflu-Martin asked for more information on the grant, McKnight, and the city Operations and Maintenance workers involved. Jordan responded.
- Meyers questioned if there was feedback obtained onsite or online via social media of possibly through Park Rec. Answer: yes, both.
- Meyers also asked who the property owners were: Hennepin County or North Hennepin Community College (NHCC). Answer: joint project
- Funk asked why the Plaza Park project is flipped from the original proposed plan. Answer: was Jody Yungers idea to flip the design for safety purposes.
- Gbiezon-Bornor commented on children's outside play being better than the inside play within the Library.
- Turner commented on the site artwork on site being episodic: changing all the time.
- Wallace asked if there would be a change in the current bus stop location to accommodate the Park Plaza. Answer: no, will remain on the other side of West Broadway.
- The wayfinding project is in the process of selecting a consulting firm with work to start mid-July, completed by December 2019. Will build upon current pedestrian and bicycle planning, mesh with Branding, and tie in with Recreation and Parks wayfinding of trails. Plans may entail coordinating with the BLRT Advisory Committee (Fraser and Funk are members).
- EDA owned redevelopment activities updated on 4 locations all within the Village Creek area of Brooklyn Blvd and Zane Ave N. Part of the Opportunity Zones that would require affordable housing percentages for each.

#### **4.2 CLIC Charter Changes**

- Struve and Fraser led the discussion on the possible changes presented by the Charter Commission. Discussion items from 4.2 of April minutes were reviewed again. Hand marked up document in red ink was discussed.
- Heinzl wanted more definition to sections D/E.
- Sell asked if C4 should be "Annual Work Plan."
- Heinzl asked about duties.
- Fraser clarified Terms.
- Funk asked about Youth Liaison and comments were that it did not work well in the past when tried, mainly scheduling.
- Funk directed a possible Youth Liaison question to Antonio Smith.
- Smith talked about Cities United and policy/practice of having such a liaison.

### **5. STANDING ITEMS**

#### **5.1 Age Friendly Brooklyn Park**

- Discussion on Age Friendly events at Tater Daze.

#### **5.2 Communications**

- Funk suggested that a letter to Cindy Sherman should be written from CLIC as follow-up to April discussions on communications. Struve and Fraser commented on reporting and how it should not be fragmented but more all-encompassing. Individual line item recommendations are not helpful. No further action was taken.

#### **5.3 Housing Continuum**

- Human Rights Commission (HRC) is beginning discussions but to date, nothing was noted in monthly meeting minutes for 2019.

- Vice Chair Wallace to work with Struve to reach out to Assistant City Manager and HRC Chair to continue a dialogue.
- Housing Policy Update will be presented to City Council for action.
- Referring to the Housing Policy, it was noted that the question of affordable housing should simply be asked each time the City is reviewing new developments or any re-development.

#### 5.4 Redevelopment / Development

- See section 4.1 above and PowerPoint presentation.

#### 5.5 Future Planning

- 2040 Comprehensive Plan with the Met Council for final evaluation – no discussions.
- CIP and CEP plans – no new discussions.
- BP2025 – 2 Year Anniversary celebrations have occurred. No discussion.
- Citywide Park System Plan – planning continues. No discussions.
- Facility 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.
- See section 4.1 above and PowerPoint presentation.

### **6. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 6.1 City Council Report:

- Councilmember Terry Parks was unable to attend. No report given.

#### 6.2 Staff Liaison Update:

- New CLIC Public Directory sheet handed out.
- Commissions Guidelines booklet handed out to those who haven't received.
- Instructions for those not signing the Code of Conduct to please do so.

#### 6.3 Open Discussion

- July meeting to be replaced by Joint Council and Commissions meeting.
- Location for future meetings during reconstruction will be Council chambers.
- Antonio Smith spoke in greater detail on Cities United and My Brothers Keepers for those not familiar with the organizations, as well as his and the City of Brooklyn Park's positions. Specifically on the Comprehensive Safety Plan new as of May 2019 and the desired goals and outcomes.
- Wallace suggested that a possible agenda items being a My Brothers Keeper presentation to CLIC.
- Smith concluded with comments on communication and networks that work providing direct feedback on the organizations progress.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

#### 7.1 Adjournment:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Cory Funk