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MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (CLIC)
City of Brooklyn Park
November 10, 2022, CLIC Meeting Minutes

I. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Brenda Reeves called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL PRESENT: Brenda Reeves, Chair, Etta Gbeizon-Bornor Nicholas Campbell, Gardoe Cephas, Patrick Chitterster, Tekoa Cochran, Mary Hoogheem, Shelley Marbut, Whitney McClusky, Edna McKenzie, Amy Meuers, Beauty Ojo, Umebe Onyejekwe, Benjamin Swanson

City Staff and Council Present: Jesse Struve, Sarah Abe, Marcellus Davis, Josie Shardlow,

EXCUSED: Cindy Johnson

ABSENT: Nicholas Campbell

Roll Call established a quorum did exist.

2. **APPROVAL AGENDA**

2.1 MOTION McKenzie MOVE TO APPROVE AGENDA, SECOND Onyejekwe, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

II. CLIC STATUTORY BUSINESS

3. **CONSENT**

3.1 MOTION Marbut, SECOND Hoogheem to APPROVE October 13, 2022, MINUTES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVING the October 13, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

4. **GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS**

- 4.1 Just Deeds Coalition and Communication

Presentation of the mission, what, why and how of Just Deed Coalition. Purpose of joining the coalition is to discharge discriminatory covenants from properties; provide education on this history of race and racism in housing; and examine current policies and practices of our institutions to prevent future racist actions. Overview of participating cities and founding members. Definition of discriminatory covenants and where they exist in our communities. Next steps are to begin the process to discharge covenants on City-owned property. Presenting to several Commissions to discuss how they want to be involved.

- 4.1.a Map of Covenants in Brooklyn Park

There are 100 properties identified in Brooklyn Park with records of racially restrictive covenants. 88 of these properties are in the city's northeast corner. Homeowners are encouraged to review the StoryMap to see if their address has a covenant and to learn more about the history of covenants in Hennepin County. Recommendation to the Coalition to ensure that homeowners understand the process of how to discharge a covenant on their homes as part of the presentation. Events including presentation to HOAs. Publish what was done so more people learn about the history. Work on access to affordable housing.

4.2 Naming City Hall Conference Rooms Discussion

City Hall has been remodeled. The Kakata room (named for our sister city Kakata, Liberia) no longer exists because the DMV is now located there. The City Council recently approved a sister city partnership with Banjul, The Gambia and included in the motion that we name a conference room for Banjul. They also mentioned wanting a Kakata room again. One option is to have a sister city room honoring all the city's sister city partnerships. There was agreement about one sister city room with future discussion on other room names.

5. STANDING ITEMS

5.1 Age Friendly Brooklyn Park

- Update from staff liaison Struve on the history of CLIC and Age Friendly Brooklyn Park and he will work with city staff to compile a report to provide an update to the Commission including an update on the status of the Senior Center.
- Staff liaison Struve will email out the current workplan for discussion in December and submission in the new year.
- Suggestion to discuss inclusion of youth as part of Age Friendly Brooklyn Park.

5.2 Communications

- No Update

5.3 Housing Continuum

- Next month the inspectors will be reporting out on Huntington Place.
- Chair Reeves provided update on the status of Huntington Place. Residents are questioning the priorities of improvement. For example, the pool is currently under construction when the apartments still need work. Some items have been addressed including the engagement of Brooklyn Park police with residents. Huntington is not the only apartment complex that has issues. There are other smaller complexes that also needs to be addressed. The question in front of CLIC is what can we do so that these types of issues do not happen in the future?
- Creek Side Gables is also having issues. Chair Reeves stated that Brooklyn Park police are starting to meet with them to address issues.

5.4 Redevelopment / Development

- Regent Avenue is finished.
- 93rd/Zane development public meeting will be held at a future date. Visit the city website for date and time.

5.5 Future Planning

- The light rail is moving forward. The route has been decided through Minneapolis and so now the environmental work is being done in association with the new route. Only minor changes have been made to the line in Brooklyn Park. The current projections are 2028 completion date.

6. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 City Council Report

- No Update

6.2 Staff Liaison Update by Jesse Struve.

- No update

6.3 Open Discussion

- The question was asked about how much farmland exists in Brooklyn Park. Yes, there is about 1,000 acres of undeveloped land in Brooklyn Park.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Adjournment

MOTION Gbeizon-Borner SECOND Onyejekwe. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jesse Struve