

# Minutes

Land Use Advisory Committee



**Meeting date:** September 21, 2023

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Street

## Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Wendy Wulff, D16          | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 6                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 12                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Bottema, District 1                | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 7                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 13                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> April Graves, District 2                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noah Keller, District 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitra Jalali Nelson, District 14       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Nelson, District 3                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 9                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Droste, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald Bruner, District 4 Carver | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Roe, District 10    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 16                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathi Mocol, District 4 Scott    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phil Klein, District 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> = present, E = excused                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 5                          |   |   |

## Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Wulff called the regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

## Agenda approved

Wulff asked for approval of the agenda by consensus with one edit – moving the 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda item to #2. The agenda was approved.

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Droste, seconded by Klein to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023 and July 20, 2023, regular meeting of the Land Use Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Public invitation

Add any notes of conversation here.

## Information

### 1. Scenario Planning: Water Findings (Kyle Colvin and Judy Sventek)

Sventek reviewed what was presented at our last meeting for surface water scenarios and connections to land use. She also reviewed water supply scenario findings that were discussed at the last meeting.

Colvin reviewed wastewater scenarios findings previously discussed, key concepts, and analyses results. He also reviewed connections of wastewater to land use policy.

Bruner discussed Waconia's growth and asked, how does the Met Council figure out capacity.

Colvin discussed enhancements to the lift station in Waconia and discussed annexation agreements proposed and that along with comp plan projections help to inform those decisions.

Droste asked is the Met Council doing any research on outfall (massive amount of water being

dumped into the river). Wulff stated we've looked at this but cost is too prohibitive. Colvin discussed further research being done in this area as well as noted cost is roughly 12 times more than pulling from wells and treating.

Klein asked, have we looked at other parts of the country and how they're doing this. Colvin discussed cost and availability. He noted that the southwest has much higher costs.

Droste discussed water collection that's done and use without treatment for irrigation.

Sventek discussed a Task Force that will be looking into this for the Health Department.

## 2. Land Use Objectives (Lisa Barajas and Angela Torres)

Torres and Barajas gave a presentation on land use objectives as outlined in the materials provided.

Droste suggested asking cities to engage youth in their comp planning in the next update.

Mocol asked if staff are looking at multi-generational housing. Barajas discussed all the faucets being looked at, including senior housing, memory care, multi-generations under one roof.

Klein asked how do you get 'buy in' to follow these plans. Barajas stated staff look to this group for various ways to address these issues. Klein discussed engagement with elected officials and perhaps doing a survey.

Droste discussed knowledge of Market demand needs to be provided to elected officials.

Roe discussed engagement of youth and showing how their feedback is used.

Reviewed questions in presentation for discussion.

The group discussed local control.

Keller asked about resilience.

Wulff discussed verbiage 'minimizing land needed' restricts green spaces – could be worded better. He also discussed smaller lots – restricting forestation.

Droste suggested using verbiage 'opportunities' instead of choice.

Wulff discussed conserving land, but not by putting up solar farms.

Bruner is against using farmland for solar farms.

Torres discussed Objective #1 to look at agricultural protection policies, etc. and encourage solar panels in other areas.

Klein discussed legislative mandates for clean energy.

Barajas discussed diversity of energy sources. She noted comp plans do need to address solar.

Torres thanked the Commission for the discussion and noted they will be back.

## 3. Scenario Planning and Regional Parks and Trail Analysis (Colin Kelly, Tracey Kinney, Emmett Mullin)

Mullin, Kelly, and Kinney gave a presentation on scenario planning and regional parks and trails analysis as outlined in the materials provided.

Klein stated it would be nice to see how trails connect to local businesses.

Roe noted they're not always accessible as a regional asset that is not located in the core.

Mullin talked about engagement with the implementing agencies and the need to utilize



industrial sites and abandoned railroad beds for trails.

Bruner feels more money needs to be put towards acquisition for future parks.

Wulff noted additional comments can be emailed to staff.

### **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Land Use Advisory Committee meeting of September 21, 2023.

Approved this 00 day of November 16, 2023.

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