

Joint Development Authority
Monday, June 20, 2018
Arden Hills City Council Chambers
Minutes
6:00 pm

Present:

Joint Development Authority: Chair Jonathan Wicklund, Commissioner Blake Huffman, Commissioner Dave McClung, Commissioner David Grant

Absent was: Commissioner Rafael Ortega

Also present: Dave Perrault, (Arden Hills); Josh Olson, (Ramsey County)

Roll call taken.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Huffman seconded by Commissioner Grant to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of April 2, 2018 Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Huffman seconded by Commissioner McClung to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Inquiries/Informational

None

Consent Agenda

None

Old Business

Master Development Agreement

Administrator Olson provided the JDA with an update on the Master Development Agreement. He stated the City, County and Developer have been meeting regularly and terms were being negotiated. He was pleased to report a schedule was being made to move forward. He reviewed this timeline in further detail with the JDA and recommended the July 2nd JDA meeting be canceled. It was noted the JDA would meet next on Wednesday, July 25th.

Commissioner Huffman asked if the MDA was focusing solely on Phase I of the development. Administrator Olson reported the MDA was addressing the full scope of the development project.

Public Hearing

None

New Business

Rice Creek Commons – Green Infrastructure and Water Reuse Feasibility Study

Catherine Netzer, Rice Creek Watershed District, stated she has had the pleasure of working with Beth Engum and Sue Polka on the recently completed Green Infrastructure and Water Reuse Feasibility Study. She discussed the partnership she had with the County and City and explained this study analyzes the potential feasibility of a series of green infrastructure (iron-enhanced sand filter, stormwater treatment tree trenches, etc.) and stormwater reuse projects which could be implemented as part of the Rice Creek Commons development. The overall purpose and goals of the study were reviewed. She explained the purpose of the study is to identify potential projects that go beyond the “baseline” of Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) requirements with the potential to support subsequent grant applications such as the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Clean Water Fund or Metropolitan Council’s Green Infrastructure program. It was noted the study does not commit the RCWD to any future project funding at this time and any future intergovernmental grant applications (in partnership with the City and/or County) would require RCWD Board approval prior to submittal. She thanked Beth Engum and Sue Polka for their assistance on this study.

Beth Engum, Ramsey County, commented on the process staff went through to prioritize the management practices that would be followed for future grant applications. She discussed how staff addressed the stormwater management on the site in order to reduce the pollutant load, while also minimizing cost. She explained staff was also seeking educational opportunities for the site. She reviewed the three high priorities staff would be pursuing for the site which involved planting trees, reusing stormwater, and an iron-enhanced filter system which would remove phosphorous from water runoff. She reported staff would be seeking funding for these three priorities.

Chair Wicklund questioned what type of grants were available to assist with these projects. Ms. Engum commented on the grants that were available through the Met Council and BWSR.

Commissioner McClung asked if Legacy funds were available. Ms. Engum reported this was the case.

Communications

None.

Development Director's Report

Administrator Perrault had nothing to report.

Administrative Director's Report

Administrator Olson discussed a meeting that was held with Chris Clark, Xcel Energy President. He stated from this meeting staff has engaged Alatus and the public partner team to discuss pilot concepts for the site. He reported team members were being brought in to see how the County and Alatus can pursue unique energy options for the site.

Commissioner Huffman requested staff provide the JDA with a more detailed report on this matter at the July 25th meeting.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Grant reported funding from the State legislature had been approved to improve I-35W from Roseville to Forest Lake. He explained the improvements would improve capacity, install sound walls, resurface the entire freeway and would create a MnPASS lane.

Future Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at Arden Hills City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Approved

Jonathan Wicklund Chair

Jonathan Wicklund, Chair

9/4/18

Date