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**SAINT PAUL LONG-RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, June 24, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

George Latimer Central Library – 4th Floor Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:	Joel Clemmer, Raymond Hess, Amy Huerta, Samakab Hussein, Mary Morse Marti, Pat McQuillan, Darren Tobolt
Members Excused:	Rebecca Airmet, Larvel Bunker, Paul Raymond, Elsa Vega Perez, Corina Serrano
Members Absent:	
Visitors and City Staff Present:	Jane McClure - Press



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1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Amy Huerta at 3:37 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda and May 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Clemmer moved to approve the agenda for the June 10, 2019 meeting and the minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting. Hess seconded. The agenda was approved.
3. Action Items

PARKS

RES PH 19-176: Establishing a financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$669,890 to reflect 2019-20 Metropolitan Council Capital Improvement Program funding for the Como Regional Park Transportation Improvements Phase II project and giving permission for the proper city officials to enter into an agreement with the Metropolitan Council, which includes an indemnification clause.

- Madeline Mitchell read the resolution and corresponding minutes from the June 10 meeting.
- Clemmer moved to accept the recommendation from the June 10 meeting and approve the resolution. Tobolt second. The resolution was approved.

CIB Funding Recommendations

- The committee reviewed the funding recommendations from the Capital Planning Team.
- Tobolt noted the opposition to the Central District Office Building presented at the public hearing. Other members also recognized the community concern about the project. Members agreed that there are challenges in the area but that they were not certain this project was ready. Members noted a number of different needs in the Rice Street community (housing, economic development, etc.) Clemmer suggested the Police department construct a concept program that would describe the functionality and benefits in more detail (without drawing plans). The committee expressed desire to see more community engagement in the process of planning a Central District building.
 - o A motion to remove the \$500,000 funding in 2021 for the Central District Office Building was offered and seconded. The committee approved.
 - o A motion to use the newly available \$500,000 to Parks Deferred Maintenance was offered and seconded. The committee approved.
- Tobolt moved to approve the recommendation of the amended slate of projects. Morse Marti seconded. The recommendation was approved.

CDBG Funding Recommendations

- The committee discussed comments made by CDCs at the public hearing. The committee noted the concerns presented by NeighborWorks. A desire to add additional funding to NeighborWorks projects was expressed. Huerta noted that she had done some research on Compass and agreed with NeighborWorks statement that they work in areas of highest need. The committee suggested that perhaps PED, as part of a larger organization, is more prepared and capable of handling a cut than a smaller organization. A motion was offered and seconded to remove \$75,000 from each year of PED's Citywide Homeowner Improvement Loan Program and allocate it evenly between NeighborWorks' St. Paul Home Improvement Loan Fund, Greenline Home Improvement Loan Program, and North End Revitalization Fund (an additional \$25,000 for each). The committee approved.

- Morse Marti expressed interest in comparing costs and operations of City and non-profits to determine the best and most effective places to invest. Morse Marti noted that it's increasingly difficult and expensive to run small non-profits and expressed a need for intentionality around how foundations and CDCs can collaborate or combine. The committee agreed. Clemmer noted he would be interested in some research around this, suggesting Wilder as a possible partner.
- Clemmer noted that the dividing line between CDBG and CIB was getting fuzzy, giving play areas as an example of projects that could be funded with CIB but were funded with CDBG this cycle. Tobolt agreed, noting that in the old process, it was easier to see the whole picture with all funding sources side by side.
- Tobolt noted that the representative from the Oakdale Project Phase 2 expressed some concern about progress on Phase 1. It was suggested that a note be made in the letter to the Mayor that the committee had some concern about this.
- Hess moved to approve the recommendation of the amended slate of projects. Morse Marti seconded. All approved. The recommendation was approved.

4. New Business

- Mitchell noted that City departments do not anticipate any resolutions for the July meeting.
- Tobolt moved to cancel the July CIB meeting. Hussein seconded. All approved. The July meeting of the CIB Committee was cancelled.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent.

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