

7.08: Review and Respond to the Metropolitan Council Regional Housing Policy Plan

Community Development Director Gladhill reviewed the staff report and draft response to the Metropolitan Council Housing Policy Plan that contained six categories. He presented the recommendation of the Planning Commission to adopt the draft response to the Housing Policy Plan.

Councilmember Riley stated this is a voluntary program, not a mandate. He noted that Item 6 addresses transit but does not diminish transportation investment, which shows that transportation improvements remain the number one priority.

Mayor Strommen agreed the letter does a good job of pointing out specific issues as well as preserving the opportunity for future comment.

Motion by Councilmember Johns, seconded by Councilmember LeTourneau, to approve the draft response to the Housing Policy Plan and authorize its submission to the Metropolitan Council.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Mayor Strommen, Councilmembers Johns, LeTourneau, Kuzma, Riley, and Tossey. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmember Backous.