

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Community Development & Regulatory Services
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File type: Action
Subcategory: Policy Position

Subject:

Downtown Public Realm Framework Plan

Description:

Approving the Downtown Public Realm Framework plan as an articulation of and amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

Previous Actions:

1. The City Council approved the following Citywide Policy Plans: The Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth (2009), Access Minneapolis – Ten Year Transportation Action Plan (2008).
2. The City Council approved the following Small Area Plans: Cedar-Riverside Small Area Plan (2008), Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Master Plan (2014), Downtown East / North Loop Master Plan (2003), North Loop Small Area Plan (2010), Historic Mills District Master Plan(1998) and Update (2001), Minneapolis Near Northside Master Plan (2002), Elliot Park Neighborhood Master Plan (2002), The Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan (2013), Nicollet Island East Bank Small Area Plan (2014), Bassett Creek Valley Master Plan (2007), St. Anthony Falls Historic District Guidelines (2012). RiverFirst Plan (2012, MPRB), Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park Master Plan (2015, MPRB)
3. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board approved the following policy plans: Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board Comprehensive Plan 2007-2020 (2007, MPRB) . Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park Master Plan (2015, MPRB), RiverFirst Plan (2012, MPRB), Central Mississippi Riverfront Regional Park Master Plan (2015, MPRB)
4. On August 1, 2016, the City Planning Commission adopted staff findings for the Downtown Public Realm Framework and forwarded the following action to the City Council:

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council **adopt** the Downtown Public Realm Framework plan as an articulation of and amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

Ward/Address:

Wards 3, 5, 6, 7

Background/Analysis:

The *Downtown Public Realm Framework* is the City's contributing plan to the joint *Pathways to Places* initiative of the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. The purpose of the Downtown Public Realm Framework is to provide unified guidance to inform and coordinate the work of public and private entities that shape and invest in the public realm. It is intended to inform and guide outcomes in capital planning, site plan review, and public/private partnerships toward the coordinated enhancement of the public realm.

The *Downtown Public Realm Framework* plan begins with introductory and contextual information. In *Chapter 1, Introduction*, the City of Minneapolis/Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board joint initiative *Pathways to Places* is defined, and other key information including how the Plan will be used, its purpose and need, and how it contributes to City goals, is outlined. In

Chapter 2, Context and Background, an overview of the analysis and community outreach that was conducted to inform the plan is provided.

Policy guidance is provided in *Chapter 3, Physical Framework*. The *Physical Framework* chapter is organized around policy principles as well as several policy features that are depicted on maps. Features include potential linkages to increase connectivity, corridor typologies, and one feature district (the riverfront).

Financial Review:

No financial impact

Attachments:

1. CPED staff report and related attachments