

City of Robbinsdale
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 19, 2016
8:20 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Mayor Pro Tem Backen called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.
2. Present: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Mayor Murphy, Mayor Pro Tem Backen
Staff: Marcia Glick, City Manager; Rick Pearson, Community Development Coordinator
Others: Michael Larson, Senior Planner-Metropolitan Council
Gary Cunningham, Metropolitan Council Representative

DISCUSSION: EXPLANATION AND CLARIFICATION OF ROBBINSDALE'S COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION AS "URBAN CENTER" IN THE 2015 SYSTEM STATEMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT DENSITY REQUIREMENTS IN THRIVE MSP 2040 FOR THE COMP PLAN

3. Pearson reviewed that in the 2015 System Statement, Robbinsdale has been designated as Urban Core which is the same as Minneapolis, St Paul and a handful of other cities, whereas Golden Valley, Crystal and New Hope are designated as Urban. This has implications in required density for residential redevelopment projects.
4. Michael Larson had prepared a document outlining the Community Designation Issue Resolution Process. He noted that 20 units per acre minimum density only applies to redevelopment. Met Council staff understands the concern regarding unique circumstances which may impact ability to reach density targets.
5. Council members noted the dramatic distinction in doubled target densities for Robbinsdale vs. station areas in Golden Valley, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park. There was a discussion regarding a mechanism for documenting the flexibility communicated by the Metropolitan Council representatives vs. what appeared to be requirements in the system statements.
6. Council members raised concern regarding impact on Robbinsdale's authentic, human scale downtown which is located in the station area.
7. Metropolitan Council representatives assured the council that the targets are goals and are only one of the factors used to measure development compliance, other factors include market conditions.
8. Member Cunningham confirmed that he would have a conversation with the Metropolitan Council Chair and staff regarding Robbinsdale's concerns.

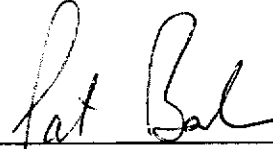
9. Robbinsdale was advised to put statements in the Comprehensive Plan updates which, when adopted, would be the agreement between Robbinsdale and the Metropolitan Council.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Mayor Pro Tem Backen adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.



Rick Pearson, Recorder



Pat Backen , Mayor Pro Tem