

Special Joint Development Authority
Monday, February 2, 2026
Arden Hills City Council Chambers

Minutes

7:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Joint Development Authority: Chair Jon Wicklund, Commissioner Tara Jebens-Singh, Commissioner Kurt Weber, Commissioner Kelly Miller, Commissioner Tena Monson

Also present: Jessica Jagoe (Arden Hills); Ella Mitchell (Ramsey County), Rachel Tierney (Kennedy & Graven)

Roll call taken.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Miller seconded by Commissioner Weber to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Weber seconded by Commissioner Jebens-Singh to approve the December 1, 2025 JDA Worksession, December 1, 2025 JDA, and December 22, 2025 Special Closed JDA meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Input

Rich Strauman, 4380 Arden View Court, commented he appreciated the discussion the JDA had on trails and lighting within the TCAAP redevelopment project. He explained the residents of Arden Hills were excited about getting a trail on the west side of Snelling Avenue because they cannot get out of their community without driving. He questioned why the TRC recommended 12-foot trails. He suggested a 10-foot trail be pursued. He recommended the JDA further consider the side roads within the development. He asked that the roads within the development be well maintained and that the trails be properly cleared in the winter and well-lit for safety purposes.

Consent Agenda

None.

Old Business

None.

Public Hearings

None.

New Business

a. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

Director Mitchell requested the JDA elect a Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Monson seconded by Commissioner Miller to elect John Wicklund Chair of the JDA for 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Monson seconded by Commissioner Miller to elect Tara Jebens-Singh Vice Chair of the JDA for 2026. Motion carried.

b. Review Road Map

Director Mitchell reviewed the Road Map with the JDA. She explained she was working with Goff on the JDA annual report and noted this would be done prior to the February 15 deadline. She indicated staff could work on an infrastructure webinar as previously discussed for March of 2026.

Commissioner Jebens-Singh requested staff take into consideration the comments that were made regarding trails and lighting and that these topics be written into the road map. She also suggested the infrastructure webinar be moved to allow time for these questions to be resolved.

Chair Wicklund recommended on May 4 the hybrid model report be presented to the JDA.

Chair Wicklund asked when the JDA would meet in September. Director Mitchell explained the tentative meeting date was Tuesday, September 8.

Administrative Director's Report

Director Mitchell stated sustainability work was ongoing and noted the staff was working on precertification and certification items. She noted locations for the potential geothermal well were also being considered at this time. She indicated staff has no new information on the Xcel Energy pilot program, except that Xcel has brought a consultant on board.

Development Director's Report

Director Jagoe explained she had no updates for the JDA.

Commissioner Updates

None.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Approved 

Jon Wicklund, Chair

March 10, 2026

Date