RCM Priorities: 2016

The RCM provides a nonpartisan platform for networking, learning, collaboration and action to support the region’s overall economic competitiveness, prosperity and quality of life.

Full range of housing choices

- Mixed income tools and funding mechanisms
- Housing preservation mechanisms: funding programs; rental licensing and code enforcement; administrative citations; neighborhood safety and enhancement programs; ‘housing choice’ vouchers
- Condo liability reform legislation
- Fair Housing/Supreme Court new ruling: Housing Summit 2016
- Housing Tools: ULI MN Housing Policy Toolbox; MHFA/METC/ULI MN comp plan working group (connecting goals and resources); community land trusts; MN Challenge affordable housing talking points; culturally enriched communities principles
- (Re)Development Ready Guide
- Demographics/changing market preferences

Building healthy and resilient communities

- Regional Indicators Initiative; Green Steps Cities
- Vertical urban farming
- METC water supply and management update; storm water best practices
- Renewable energy: e.g. solar, wind
- Operating cost implications of growth policies
- Native Habitats

Infrastructure

- Roads, bridges and transit funding; system improvement updates
- Rail roads: crossings, safety, routing
- Electric grid security
- Broadband access

Economic Vitality

- GREATER MSP talent attraction/retention initiative
- Entrepreneurship: VentureLake Partnership; Kauffman Foundation