Advisory Committee Open Positions Announcement
Livable Communities Advisory Committee (LCAC)
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VACANCIES

There are eight LCAC openings with two-year terms beginning July 2021

- Local Government (1)
- Development (1)
- Transportation (1)
- Environment (1)
- Site Design (2)
- Community Engagement (2)

ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

The Livable Communities Advisory Committee (LCAC) reviews and recommends funding awards to the Council under the Livable Communities Demonstration Account and Transit-Oriented Development grant categories. This is a technical review group with broad expertise that reviews complex development and redevelopment proposals against the program’s criteria for project that create more housing choice, support living wage job creation, and connect jobs, housing, and regional amenities to create a more equitable region. The committee typically meets Thursday mornings from October-December.

WHO IS ON THE COMMISSION?

The LCAC has 15 members who are appointed by the Metropolitan Council. Fourteen of the 15 members serve in a specific area of expertise. The 15th member is the Committee Chair and does not represent a specific area of expertise. There is a priority for members who represent historically underrepresented communities or those who work directly with historically underrepresented communities.

- Local Government: Planning, economic or community development
- Development Finance: affordable housing finance, private banking, real estate, mixed-use development; public finance
- Development: Equitable development strategies, new development, redevelopment
- Transportation: Development relationship, transportation specialty, multimodal transportation
- Environment: Integration of natural and water resources in development, climate mitigation and adaptation, environmental justice
- Site Design: Landscape architecture, land planning specialty, urban design, public space design
- Community Engagement: Community organizing, arts-based engagement, engagement strategy
IMAGINE YOURSELF IN THIS ROLE

You will review, score, and make the final funding recommendations for applications in the Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) grant programs. Your expertise is valuable in determining which projects can have the most positive impact on the region and advance LCA goals of creating more housing choice, supporting living wage job creation, and connecting jobs, housing, and regional amenities to create a more equitable region.

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MEETING INFORMATION

Frequency: Meetings are held Thursday mornings from mid-October to mid-December. The exact dates can vary depending on the number of applications to review. Meetings are typically 8:30am-12:30pm.

Location: Meetings are currently being held virtually due to the pandemic. Typically, meetings are hosted downtown St. Paul at the Metropolitan Council, 390 Robert Street North.

Approximate time commitment annually: 60-80 hours. This can vary depending on the number of applications to review and the length of each application.

BENEFITS

Serving on this commission is a volunteer role without compensation. Members are reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties including transit fare or local parking and mileage for meetings. Food is provided during meetings.

WHAT WE DO AT THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

The Council provides the following services for the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan region:

- **Plans for Future Growth of the Region:** As the Metropolitan Planning Organization the Council plans for future growth and makes strategic, efficient public investments to support the region’s high quality of life and economic competitiveness.
- **Operates Metro Transit:** Every day, Metro Transit serves bus and rail passengers with award-winning, energy-efficient fleets (nearly 85 million in 2014 or nearly 90% of all regional transit rides). These strategic investments support a growing network of bus and rail transitways, and transit-oriented development.
- **Collects and Treats Wastewater:** This region collects and treats wastewater at rates 40% lower than peer regions, while winning national awards for excellence.
- **Protects and Monitors Clean Water:** The Council works to ensure adequate clean water for the future through water supply planning and lake and river monitoring programs.
- **Develops Regional Parks and Trails:** The Council plans and develops a world-class regional parks and trails system made up of more than 50 parks and park reserves and more than 340 miles of interconnected trails.
- **Provides Affordable Housing:** The Council creates and supports affordable housing opportunities throughout the region by providing affordable housing for 6,500 families in...
100 communities through the Metro Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and establishing regional housing policies and planning.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete and submit an online application to join the Livable Communities Advisory Committee on the Metropolitan Council website by the priority deadline Monday, May 24, 2021.

*Applicants can expect the following steps in the recruitment process:*

1. Applicant completes and submits application online (cover letter and resume).
2. Selection Committee reviews your application.
3. Selected candidates will be invited to a structured panel interview in June.
4. Recommendations are made to the Metropolitan Council Chair.
5. Committee members will be appointed by the Metropolitan Council.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the board or the application process, please contact the following Metropolitan Council staff:

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- Katie Driscoll, Appointments Coordinator: 651-602-1938, katie.driscoll@metc.state.mn.us