Advisory Committee Open Positions Announcement
Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC)
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VACANCIES

These MPOSC openings go through January 2025 (full terms are 4 years)

- Community Member, Chair (at-large)
- Community Member, MPOSC District A (Council Districts 1 and 2)
- Community Member, MPOSC District B (Council Districts 3 and 4)
- Community Member, MPOSC District C (Council Districts 5 and 6)
- Community Member, MPOSC District D (Council Districts 7 and 8)

See map below or use the find your district tool online to find your MPOSC district.

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ABOUT THE COMMISSION
The Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) helps the Council develop a long-range policy plan as well as review park and trail master plans for consistency with these policies. Additionally, they review and advise the Council on an acquisition and development program that includes funding priorities for regional parks and trails. MPOSC works in coordination with 10 regional park implementing agencies (counties, cities and special park districts).

WHO IS ON THE COMMISSION?
The MPOSC consists of 9 community member commissioners who are appointed by the Metropolitan Council. The chair of the committee is selected at-large and the other 8 members are appointed by Metropolitan Council geographic districts A through H.

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IMAGINE YOURSELF IN THIS ROLE
You give advice and input on the policies and strategies that make up the Regional Parks Policy Plan as well as new initiatives like the Regional Parks System Equity Grant Program or regional park and trail master planning. You learn about a broad range of Regional Parks and Trails topics. Your insights and advice on presentations and discussion topics help influence the Council and Regional Park Implementing Agency work, and you act as a sounding board for the Council.

Imagine the positive impact you could make on the work of the Metropolitan Council, the Regional Parks System, and the Twin Cities regio
EXPERIENCE

Knowledge, skills and interests:
• Demonstrate an interest in regional parks, planning, and policy.
• Demonstrate an interest in helping advance equitable use of the regional parks system for all people, including race, ethnicity, income and ability.
• Willing to help explore how regional parks and trails can play a vital role in the livability of our region.
• Willing to prepare for meetings by reading the materials provided, attend monthly Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission meetings, and occasionally help serve in a review or advisory role as needed.

MEETING INFORMATION

Frequency: Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Meetings are currently being held virtually due to the pandemic. Typically, meetings are hosted downtown St. Paul in Room 1A, Metropolitan Council, 390 Robert Street North.

Approximate time commitment annually: 24 hours of meeting time and 12 hours of outside work and preparation

2021 Meetings: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

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.

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 Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission on the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State’s website by the priority deadline Friday, December 18.

*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 January.
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:

- Emmett Mullin, MPOSC staff liaison: 651-602-1360, Emmett.Mullin@metc.state.mn.us
- Katie Driscoll, Appointments Coordinator: 651-602-1938, katie.driscoll@metc.state.mn.us

**OTHER RESOURCES**

Committee materials and more information are available on the [Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission](#) on the Metropolitan Council website. There you may find the Committee’s meeting minutes, agendas and member roster.

To find your MPOSC district, use the map below.