

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2013

Subject: Approval of Appointments to the Land Use Advisory Committee

District(s), Member(s): District 1, Katie Rodriguez; District 13, Rich Kramer; District 16, Wendy Wulff

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853

Staff Prepared/Presented: Sue Haigh, Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Land Use Advisory Committee: **Marvin D. Johnson**, Mayor, City of Independence – District 1; **James McLean** – District 13; and **Colleen Ratzlaff Labeau**, Lakeville City Council – District 16.

Background

The Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853. The committee's purpose is to assist the Council in performing regional land use planning functions and undertake other responsibilities as delegated by the Council or required by law. The committee's advisory duties include rendering advice and assistance regarding metropolitan land use, comprehensive planning, and matters of metropolitan significance.

The LUAC membership consists of at least 16 members plus a chair. As required by state statute, membership shall include at least one member from each Council district and provide representation from each metropolitan county. Because both Scott and Carver counties are located within Council District 4, two members are needed from that district. At least half of the members must be elected officials of local governmental units. Members serve the same period as the term of their appointed Council member.

Rationale

District 1 LUAC representative, Virginia Black, did not seek re-election to the Plymouth City Council and asked to be replaced. District 13 LUAC representative, George Johnson, asked to be replaced due to scheduling conflicts. Per state statute, the 2013 Minnesota Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, a redistricting bill modifying the Council's district boundaries. As a result, District 16 LUAC representative, City of Rosemount Mayor William Droste, was placed in District 15, creating a District 16 vacancy. State statute allows for "at least one member from each Council district"; thus District 15 has two representatives, both elected officials.

Appointments to fill the vacancies described above will increase the number of elected officials to eight, so half of members will be elected officials. Two vacancies remain in District 4 (Carver County) and District 9, and one more elected official must be appointed to meet the statutory requirement that at least half of members shall be elected officials.

Funding – N/A

Known Support / Opposition – N/A