

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2013

Subject: Approval of Appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes 473.303

Staff Prepared/Presented: Sue Haigh, Chair; MPOSC Appointments Committee Members Wulff, Schreiber, Elkins, Duininck and Kramer

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission: **Dean Johnston**, Chair; **Rick Theisen** – District A; **Robert Moeller** – District B; **William Weber** – District C; **Anthony Taylor** – District D; **Tony Yarusso** – District E; **Sarah Hietpas** – District F; **Carrie Wasley** – District G; **Barbara Schmidt** – District H

Background

The MPOSC was created by the Legislature in 1974 to advise the Council on matters relating to the regional recreation open space system. The MPOSC has nine members appointed by the Council—eight district representatives and a chair who represents the region at large. Terms are four years, staggered. Appointments are made in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 473.303 (Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission) and 15.0597 (appointments to multi-member agencies).

Rationale

Per state statute, the 2013 Minnesota Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, a redistricting bill modifying the Council's district boundaries. Following each apportionment of Metropolitan Council districts, the Metropolitan Council shall appoint a chair and eight commission members from newly drawn districts. The terms of members and chairs are as follows: members representing commission districts A, B, C, and D, and the chair of the commission, for terms ending the first Monday in January of the year ending in the numeral "7"; members representing commission districts E, F, G, and H, for terms ending the first Monday in January of the year ending in the numeral "5."

Funding – N/A

Known Support / Opposition – N/A