

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of: July 10, 2013

Subject: Housing Policy Plan Work Group appointments

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. § 473.127 and Bylaws of the Metropolitan Council, Art. III.C

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Division/Department: Community Development / Regional Planning and Research

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Haigh's recommendation to appoint the 26 people on the attached list to the Housing Policy Plan Work Group with Councilmember Roxanne Smith and Beverly Oliver Hawkins as co-chairs.

Background

The Metropolitan Council has a long history of regional housing policy planning dating back to the first regional housing policy plan in 1971. Past regional housing policy plans provided direction on a range of housing issues and priorities. Although the last detailed housing policy plan was updated in 1986, the metropolitan development guide continued to provide broad housing policy, most recently captured in the *Regional Development Framework*. At the Council meeting, staff will present an overview of the Council's past housing policy and planning work, the Council's statutory housing responsibilities, and the basis for continued regional housing policy.

In support of *Thrive MSP 2040*, to consider the findings of the Fair Housing and Equity Assessment, and to help advance the regional housing discussion, the Council is embarking on a new regional housing policy plan process. A core component of this process will be a new Housing Policy Plan Work Group (HPPWG). This diverse group brings together people from throughout the region, including local government officials, housing advocates, developers, communities of color, and other regional stakeholders, with a charge to:

- Advise the Council on a Housing Policy Plan that identifies key housing issues, policies, and implementation options; aligns with *Thrive MSP 2040*; and, integrates with the other Council system and policy plans.
- Meet once per month as a full work group with Council staff to review and discuss the development of the regional Housing Policy Plan.
- Attend subcommittee meetings as needed and report back to the full HPPWG for review and discussion.
- Build a constituency to promote and implement regional housing goals and policies.

To help identify potential work group members, staff reached out to such organizations as the Alliance for Metropolitan Stability, Metro Cities, Nexus Community Partners, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Housing Preservation Project, and the Regional Council of Mayors. All 26 proposed members have confirmed their availability to participate.

The work group's first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th, from 10am to noon in Room LLA. The group will continue to meet the third Tuesday of each month from 10am to noon until the project is completed in summer 2014. Additional sub-work group meetings may be scheduled to discuss certain items in greater detail, such as the affordable housing need calculation/distribution process and housing performance scoring.

Rationale

The Housing Policy Plan Work Group provides a forum for regional stakeholders, housing experts, and constituents to have a more detailed housing discussion and share housing information; introduce, evaluate, and advise the Council on housing policy and implementation options; and, strengthen the Council's outreach and communications.

Funding

No funding impacts.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.

Metropolitan Council - Proposed Housing Policy Plan Work Group

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Invitee	Organization
Roxanne Smith - Co-chair	Metropolitan Council
Beverly Oliver Hawkins, Ph.D - Co-chair	Model Cities
Gina Ciganik	Aeon
Owen Duckworth	Alliance for Metropolitan Stability
James Vagle or designee	Builders Association of the Twin Cities
Bryan Schafer	City of Blaine
Jason Aarsvold	City of Brooklyn Park
Mayor Mike Maguire	City of Eagan
Mayor Debbie Goettel	City of Richfield
Cecile Bedor	City of Saint Paul
Mayor Janet Williams	City of Savage
Karl Batalden	City of Woodbury
Elizabeth Ryan	Family Housing Fund
Jacqueline King	Federal Reserve Bank
Nelima Sitati-Munene	Harrison Neighborhood Association
Tim Thompson	Housing Preservation Project
Pastor Paul Slack	ISAIAH
Erik Takeshita	Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Patricia Nauman/Charlie Vander Aarde	Metro Cities
Darielle Dannen	Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers
John Đoàn	Metropolitan Council member
Margaret Kaplan	Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Jennifer Godinez	Minnesota Minority Education Partnership
Eric Myers/Julia Parenteau	Minnesota Association of Realtors
Jamie Thelen	Sand Companies
Cathy Bennett	Urban Land Institute Minnesota