

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 24, 2013

Subject: 2013 Livable Communities Advisory Committee Appointments

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes §473.25

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Division/Department: Community Development

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Haigh's recommendation to appoint the following persons to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee(LCAC) to terms as noted:

Chair	Mary Hamann-Roland , Mayor, City of Apple Valley (serves at the pleasure of the Council)
The following persons are recommended for appointment or re-appointment to three-year terms in the listed expertise categories:	
Local Government	Doug Borglund , Community Development Director, City of Forest Lake (reappointment)
Development/Redevelopment	JoAnna Hicks , Development Director, Ackerberg Group (reappointment)
Transportation and Development Relationship	Charleen Zimmer , Owner, Zan Associates, transportation, land use, and environmental planning consultant (reappointment)
Site Design – Architecture/Land Planning Specialty	James Garrett , Partner, 4rmula architectural firm (reappointment)
Site Design – Architecture/Land Planning	Tan Nguyen , Principal, Nguyen Architects, Inc. (new appointment)

Background

The LCAC is charged with evaluating and making funding recommendations to the Council for grant awards made under the Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) of the Livable Communities Act(LCA), and also grants awards for the Transit Oriented Development grant categories with LCDA and the Tax Base Revitalization Account and specified in the LCA Annual Fund Distribution Plan.

The LCAC includes 12 members and a Chair. The LCAC bylaws, as revised in 2011, established six areas of expertise to provide the range of skills and experience necessary for evaluating development and redevelopment projects for which LCDA funding is requested: 1) local government planning, economic or community development; 2) development finance – one private finance, one public finance; 3) development – one new development, one redevelopment; 4) transportation and land use relationship; 5) environment and land use relationship; 6) site design and land planning. The bylaws set three-year, staggered terms for LCAC members.

Rationale

Four seats on the LCAC expire each year. All four of the members with expiring seats are being reappointed. Additionally, one member was unable to continue his term due to a change in his professional responsibilities and therefore, one new appointment is recommended to fill this vacancy. The LCAC member terms are three years. The LCAC Chair does not serve a specific term, and is appointed or reappointed each year.

The LCAC will begin its evaluation of applications in September and make its recommendations to the Community Development Committee in November and December.

Funding

No funding impacts.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.