

Other Business

Meeting date:

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 28, 2013

Subject: Establishing Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission Appointments Committee

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MS 473.303

Staff Prepared/Presented: Arne Stefferud, Manager Regional Parks and Natural Resources/ Susan Haigh, Chair

Division/Department: Community Development Division

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council name the following Council members to serve on the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission Appointments Committee:

Lona Schreiber, Steve Elkins, Adam Duininck, Richard Kramer and Wendy Wulff

Background

Minnesota Statutes section 473.303 requires the Metropolitan Council to appoint members to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) after each decennial apportionment of the Council districts. As part of the appointments process the Council is required to establish an appointments committee, composed of Council members, to screen and review candidates.

Rationale

The recommended action to establish a Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Appointments Committee complies with Minnesota Statutes section 473.303. Since all nine members of the MPOSC are to be appointed, members of the Appointments Committee represent the geographic breadth of the region as follows:

Lona Schreiber for Council Districts 1 and 2

Steve Elkins for Council Districts 3, 4, 5 and 6

Adam Duininck for Council Districts 7, 8, 9 and 10

Richard Kramer for Council Districts 11, 12, 13 and 14

Wendy Wulff for Council Districts 15 and 16

Funding

Costs to conduct the appointments process are financed from the Council's general operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

The Council members recommended above have agreed to serve on the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission Appointments Committee.