

## Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of: September 11, 2013

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**Subject:** Appoint Housing Policy Plan Work Group Members

**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

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Haigh's recommendation to appoint Metropolitan Council member Harry Melander, Brooklyn Park City Manager Jamie Verbrugge, and Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Barbara Dacy to the Housing Policy Plan Work Group.

### Background

On July 10, 2013, the Metropolitan Council formed the Housing Policy Plan Work Group 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. This diverse group brings together people from throughout the region, including local government officials, housing advocates, developers, communities of color, and other regional stakeholders.

In order to retain two Council representatives on the work group, Council member Melander has agreed to join the work group. Former Council member John Đoàn will also remain on the work group as a representative from his new position with Hennepin County.

The Brooklyn Park Community Development Director, Jason Aarsvold, recently resigned from the city to accept a new employment opportunity and will not remain on the work group. Jamie Verbrugge, the Brooklyn Park City Manager, has agreed to replace Mr. Aarsvold.

Finally, Barbara Dacy, Executive Director at the Washington County HRA, adds a county housing and redevelopment authority (HRA) perspective to the work group.

### Rationale

This action replaces a resigning member, adds a county representative, and maintains two Council members on the work group.

### Funding

No funding impacts.

### Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.