

## Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 26, 2014

**Subject:** Approve the appointment of Mary Hershberger Thun to the Land Use Advisory Committee – District 4 (Carver County)

**District(s), Member(s):** District 4, Gary Van Eyll

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Sue Haigh, Chair

**Division/Department:** Chair's Office

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of **Mary Hershberger Thun** to the Land Use Advisory Committee, District 4 (Carver County).

### Background

The Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853. The committee's purpose is to assist the Council in performing regional land use planning functions and undertake other responsibilities as delegated by the Council or required by law. The committee's advisory duties include rendering advice and assistance regarding metropolitan land use, comprehensive planning, and matters of metropolitan significance.

The LUAC membership consists of at least 16 members plus a chair. As required by state statute, membership shall include at least one member from each Council district and provide representation from each metropolitan county. Because both Scott and Carver counties are located within Council District 4, two members are needed from the district. At least half of the members must be elected officials of local governmental units. Members serve the same period as the term of their appointed Council member.

### Rationale

District 4 (Carver County) LUAC representative Gregory Boe, Chaska City Council, asked to be replaced due to work-related reasons. With this appointment, LUAC will have eight elected officials as members and eight non-elected members. Two LUAC vacancies remain because of resignations: District 3 and District 9. When filling these vacancies, at least one elected official must be appointed to meet the statutory requirement that at least half of members shall be elected officials.

### Funding

N/A

### Known Support / Opposition

N/A