

## Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 22, 2015

**Subject:** Appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statutes 473.303 and 15.0597

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Adam Duinick, Chair; Appointments Committee Members Wulff, Reynoso, Rummel, Kramer

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission: **Michael Kopp**—District E, **Sarah Hietpas**—District F; and **Rachel Gillespie**—District G.

### Background

The Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) was created by the Legislature in 1974 to advise the Council on matters related to the regional recreation open space system. The MPOSC has nine members appointed by the Council—eight district representatives and a chair who represents the region at large. MPOSC terms are four years and are staggered. Appointments are made in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 473.303 (Metropolitan Park and Open Space Commission) and 15.0597 (Appointments to Multimember Agencies).

### Rationale

Four MPOSC district positions (E-H) are up for appointment due to term expirations. Notices of vacancies were published by the Secretary of State's office and the Metropolitan Council. Two public meetings were scheduled to interview applicants for the district positions. Council members Wulff (chair), Reynoso, Rummel and Kramer served as the appointments committee. Fifteen applications were received for the four district positions. Following the public meetings, the appointments committee met to review the application materials, public meeting comments and other input received to develop its recommendation. **No recommendation for district position H has been made at this time.**

The district E-G appointees will complete terms ending January 2019.

### Funding

N/A

### Known Support / Opposition

N/A