

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 24, 2015

Subject: 2015 Livable Communities Advisory Committee (LCAC) Appointments

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes §473.25

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Division/Department: Community Development/Housing and Livable Communities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Duininck's recommendation to appoint the following persons to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee 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:	
Development Finance-Public	Ken Johnson , retired, former President, St. Paul Port Authority and Director, St. Paul PED (reappointment)
Development (two new appointments)	Jamie Thelen , Sand Companies (new appointment) Renee Spillum , Seward Redesign (new appointment)
Transportation and Development Relationship	James Barton , retired transportation planner, Metropolitan Council, and consultant (reappointment)
Environment-Integration of Natural and Water Resources in Development	Regina Bonsignore , landscape architect, MN Department of Natural Resources (reappointment)
Site Design – Architecture/Land Planning	Satoko Muratake , landscape architect, Cunningham Group (new appointment)
Community-Based Community Development Organization (two new appointments)	Jun-Li Wang , Springboard for the Arts (new appointment) Deanna Foster , Dayton's Bluff (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 14 members and a Chair. The LCAC bylaws, as revised this spring, established seven 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; and 7) community-based community development organizations. The bylaws set three-year terms for LCAC members.

Rationale

In past years, four seats on the LCAC expired each year. This year, the Council added a new category of representation, Community-Based Community Development Organization, to help review grant applications for their projects' attention to assisting under-represented people. Three members with expiring seats are recommended for reappointment. One member with an expiring term chose not to be considered for reappointment. Two members have resigned. Therefore, five new appointments are recommended to fill the vacancies of departing members and the new category of representation. 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.