

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 26, 2015

Subject: Approval of Appointment to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC)
District G
District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.375 9a.
Staff Prepared/Presented: Adam Duininck, Chair
Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointment to the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee: **Kari Sheldon**, District G.

Background

The Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee (TAAC) was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statute 473.375 9a. The TAAC's purpose is to advise the Council on "the development and management of policies regarding accessibility of all aspects of fixed regular route and special transportation services for persons with disabilities." The TAAC also advises the Council "on long-range plans to meet the accessible transportation needs of the disability community." The TAAC is a 16-member board which includes people who are elderly, have a disability, use special transportation, and represent appropriate agencies for people who are elderly or have a disability. The Metropolitan Council appoints eight members and the Chair. The remaining seven members are appointed by the Minnesota State Council on Disability (2), the Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (2), the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging (2), and the Minnesota state AARP office (1).

Rationale

District G on the Transportation Accessibility and Advisory Committee is vacant due to Jeffery Smith's mid-term resignation.

In March of 2015, the Metropolitan Council held appointment interviews for seven open positions on the TAAC, including District G. Ms. Sheldon was interviewed and at the time, given serious consideration for the District G position.

It is the recommendation of the Council Members who served on the interview committee (Council members Munt, Reynoso, and Rodriguez), the TAAC Chair, and the Metro Mobility staff that Ms. Sheldon be appointed to the TAAC in place of Mr. Smith to represent District G. If appointed, Ms. Sheldon will finish out a 3-year term that expires January 1, 2018.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.