

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 27, 2016

Subject: Equity Advisory Committee Co-Chair Appointment

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statue 473.127

Staff Prepared/Presented: Adam Duininck, Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointment to the Equity Advisory Committee: Acooa Ellis, At-Large Member, as committee co-chair.

Background

Equity Advisory Committee Background

On December 10, 2014, the Metropolitan Council received the recommendations of the Equity Working Group and directed the Regional Administrator to plan for implementation of the recommendations (Business Item No. 2014-320).

On October 14, 2015, the Metropolitan Council established the Equity Advisory Committee (Business Item No. 2015-244).

The purpose of the Equity Advisory Committee is to advise the Metropolitan Council in its work to advance equity in the metropolitan region and meet the Council's equity commitments in Thrive MSP 2040.

The Equity Advisory Committee is comprised of 21 members, including 4 Council Members, 8 community members from geographic districts (A-H), and 9 community members who serve at-large. To achieve staggered terms, the geographic appointees are appointed to four-year terms, and the at-large appointees are appointed to two-year terms.

In accordance with Business Item 2015-244, The Committee will have co-chairs. One chair will be a Metropolitan Council Member and one chair will be a member from the community. The Metropolitan Council Chair selects the co-chairs from the membership of the Equity Advisory Committee, and the Metropolitan Council approves this selection.

On March 23, 2016, The Metropolitan Council approved Council Member Edward Reynoso, District 9, as a co-chair of the Equity Advisory Committee (Business Item No. 2016-47)

Rationale

This action approves the appointment of the Co-Chair for the Equity Advisory Committee.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

N/A