

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 28, 2017

Subject: Appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

District(s), Member(s): District 13, Richard Kramer and District 14, Jon Commers

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes 473.303 and 15.0597

Staff Prepared/Presented: Adam Duininck, Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission: **Anthony Taylor** – 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

The District G Commissioner appointed in April of 2015 to a four-year term resigned early in November 2016. A news release was issued by the Secretary of State's Office on April 3 seeking applicants for that vacancy directing them to the Secretary of State's application portal. A public meeting was scheduled to interview applicants for the positions on May 10. Council Member Wendy Wulff interviewed seven candidates for the appointment, all of whom represented a very strong, highly qualified pool. Following the interviews, Council Member Wulff reviewed the application materials, interview notes and input from other Council Members. She then consulted with Chair Duininck and their appointment recommendation is noted above. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 473.303, Subd. 2 (a), the Council consulted with legislators in the affected district by giving each legislator the name, address, and background of each candidate for appointment. Legislators were given fifteen days to comment and none had been received by the deadline of June 21. If appointed, the individual will serve the remainder of the original four-year term ending January 1, 2019.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Appointing members to MPOSC is necessary to keep the committee functioning. MPOSC's work advances all five Thrive Outcomes through shaping regional parks plans and administering state funding.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

N/A