

## Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 21, 2018

**Subject:** Appointments to the Land Use Advisory Committee

**District(s), Member(s):** District 3, Jennifer Munt and District 4, Deb Barber

**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Alene Tchourumoff, Chair

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of **Renae Clark**, to represent District 3 and Watertown Township Supervisor, **Gerald Bruner**, to represent District 4 (Carver County) on the Land Use Advisory Committee.

### Background

The Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) was established by the Metropolitan Council under MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853. The committee's purpose is to assist the Council in regional land use planning and undertake other responsibilities as delegated by the Council or required by law. The committee's advisory duties include giving advice and assistance on metropolitan land use, comprehensive planning, and matters of metropolitan significance.

The LUAC membership consists of at least 16 members plus a chair. As required by state statute, membership shall include at least one member from each Council district and provide representation from each county in the seven-county metropolitan area. Because both Scott and Carver counties are located within Council District 4, two members are needed from the district. At least half of the members must be elected officials of local governmental units. Members serve the same period as the term of their appointed Council Member.

### Rationale

The members appointed to represent District 3 and District 4 (Carver County) on the Land Use Advisory Committee resigned mid-term. Over the past nine months, the Council made ongoing efforts to recruit qualified members for these openings. Ten applications were received for the two openings, and all applicants were invited to interview. Council Members Commers, Barber and Munt served as the interview panel, which interviewed applicants on Thursday, February 15. The applicants represented a very strong, highly qualified pool of candidates. Following the interviews, the panel reviewed the application materials and interview notes and shared input. The Council Members made appointment recommendations for the Chair's consideration as noted above. If appointed, each member will serve the remainder of the four-year term ending on January 1, 2019.

With the addition of these two recommendations, the committee will have eight elected officials as members and eight non-elected members. One recent opening still remains in District 10.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Appointing members to LUAC is necessary to meet state statute and ensure its effectiveness. LUAC's work advances all five Thrive outcomes and its three principles.

### Funding

N/A

### Known Support / Opposition

N/A