

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 12, 2018

Subject: Appointment to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee (LCAC)

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes §473.25

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Division/Department: Community Development / Regional Planning

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Tchourumoff's recommendation to appoint Elise Durbin to a one-year term on the Livable Communities Advisory Committee, filling out an unexpected late vacancy for Development Finance (Public).

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.

The LCAC includes 14 members and a Chair. The LCAC bylaws establish 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; 5) environment; 6) site design and land planning; and 7) community-based community development organizations. The bylaws set three-year terms for LCAC members. The Chair is appointed or reappointed each year.

Rationale

Council staff recently learned that the LCAC member representing Development Finance (Public) would be unable to serve in 2018. The LCAC will begin its evaluation of applications in September and make its recommendations to the Community Development Committee in November and December. This appointment would fill that seat on the committee in time for the LCAC to begin its evaluation of applications. This position will be re-opened as part of the standard application process in 2019.

With this appointment and an unexpected late resignation due to the Committee's uncompensated time commitment, there are two vacant positions on the Livable Communities Advisory Committee for 2018 in the category of community-based community development organizations.

Funding

No funding impacts.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.