

## Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 24, 2019

**Subject:** Appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minnesota Statutes 473.303 and 15.0597

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Nora Slawik, Chair

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commissions:

**District E** – Jeremy Peichel

**District F** – Cecily Harris

**District G** – Anthony Taylor

**District H** – Todd Kemery

### 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

Four MPOSC district positions (E-H) are up for appointment due to term expirations. Notices of vacancies were published by the Secretary of State's office and the Metropolitan Council. Council Member Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson, Council Member Francisco Gonzalez, Current MPOSC chair Tony Yarusso, and Jenna Fletcher from The Trust for Public Land served on the nominating committee which hosted interviews on April 15. Sixteen applications were received for the four district positions. The nominating committee reviewed the application materials, interview comments and other input received to develop its recommendation.

The district E-G appointees will complete terms ending January 2023.

### 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