

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 8, 2019

Subject: Appointments to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes 473.25

Staff Prepared/Presented: Nora Slawik, Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee:

Community-based Community Development Organizations

Brittany Lewis, CURA (Mapping Prejudice Project)

Anisha Murphy, Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON)

Development Finance Representative

Elise Durbin, Community and Economic Development Director at the Carver County CDA

Environment – Integration of Natural and Water Resources in Development

Charleen Zimmer, Zan Associates

Site Design – Architecture/Land Planning

James Garrett, 4RM + ULA Architects

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

Four Livable Communities Advisory Committee positions are up for appointment due to term expirations this year. Council Member Judy Johnson, Council Member Robert Lilligren, Livable Communities Unit Manager Paul Burns and current LCAC member James Garrett served on the nominating committee which hosted

interviews on April 23. Eleven applications were received for the open positions. The nominating committee reviewed the application materials, interviewee comments and other input received to develop its recommendation. The panel consulted with Chair Slawik and their appointment recommendations are noted above.

If appointed, the all appointees will complete terms ending January 2022.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.