

## Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 12, 2019

**Subject:** Appointments to Metropolitan Council Advisory Committees

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** TAB: Minnesota Statute 473.146

LCAC: Minnesota Statutes 473.25

EAC: Minnesota Statute 473.127

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

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Council Advisory Committees:

#### Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Metropolitan Council Member Alternate – Kris Fredson

#### Livable Communities Advisory Committee (LCAC)

Committee Chair – Jo Emerson – Mayor of White Bear Lake

#### Equity Advisory Committee (EAC)

Committee Co-Chair – Nelima Sitati Munene

### TAB Background

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statutes 473.146. The TAB's purpose is to advise and assist the Council, the Minnesota Dept. of Transportation, and all political subdivisions in accomplishing the responsibilities designated by state and federal law and regulation with regard to transportation planning and programming for the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

The TAB is a 34-member body composed of elected officials, representatives of government agencies involved in transportation issues, citizen members, and members who represent public transit, the freight industry and non-motorized transportation. The Metropolitan Council appoints 12 members – eight citizen members, two members representing public transit, one member representing non-motorized transportation, and one member of the Metropolitan Council.

Each appointing board or agency may appoint an alternate member for each member it appoints. An alternate may act on behalf of the member only in that member's absence.

## **LCAC 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

The LCAC committee Chair shall be recommended by the Chair of the Council, approved by the Council, and shall serve as the 15th voting member of the Committee. The Committee Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and have the duties and responsibilities normally attendant upon that office as well as duties and responsibilities prescribed by the bylaws and delegated or assigned by the Council or the Committee.

The Committee Chair shall serve at the pleasure of the Council and may be removed by the Council at any time.

## **EAC Background**

The Equity Advisory Committee was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statute 473.127. The purpose of the Equity Advisory Committee is to advise the Metropolitan Council in its work to advance equity in the metropolitan region and meet the Council's equity commitments in Thrive MSP 2040. The Equity Advisory Committee is comprised of 21 members, including 4 Council Members, 8 community members from geographic districts (A-H), and 9 community members who serve at-large.

The Council Chair will recommend to the Council for its approval two Committee Co-Chairs. One of the Co-Chairs will be a Council member serving on the Committee and one Co-Chair will be a geographic member or an at-large member serving on the Committee. The term of each Co-Chair is one year, after which they may be reappointed for an additional one-year term. The Co-Chairs shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and shall have such duties and responsibilities as are normally attendant upon such an office including, but not limited to:

1. Providing leadership and presiding over Committee meetings; and
2. Serving as a Committee liaison to the Council.

## **Rationale**

TAB bylaws state the Council may appoint an alternate for any of its members on the committee. Council Member Deb Barber was appointed as the Metropolitan Council Member representative to the TAB in March 2019. The Council recommends Council Member Kris Fredson serve as her alternate. Council Member Kris Fredson joined the Metropolitan Council in March 2019 and currently serves on the Transportation and Environment standing committees. He is also a member of the Equity Advisory Committee and the Council representative to the Planning Action Committee for the Riverview Corridor. Council Member appointments to TAB are at the pleasure of the Council.

LCAC bylaws state the Council Chair will recommend and Council approve the LCAC Chair appointment. The Chair has recommended Mayor of White Bear Lake, Jo Emerson. She has served as Mayor of White Bear Lake since January 2010 and prior to that on the White Bear Lake Planning Commission. In addition, she has served in many leadership positions as Mayor including president of

the Minnesota Mayors Association and board director of League of Minnesota Cities. The LCAC Chair serves at the pleasure of the Council and is reappointment annually.

EAC bylaws state the Council Chair will recommend and Council approve the Co-Chair appointments. Council Member Gonzalez was recommended in March 2019 as the Council Member Co-chair. Nelima Sitati Munene serves as an at-large member of the EAC and she has served as Co-Chair since May 2018. Nelima Sitati Munene volunteered to renew role as co-chair and no other interest was stated by other members. EAC Co-Chair positions are reappointment annually.

### **Thrive Lens Analysis**

Appointments to Metropolitan Council advisory committees are necessary to keep the committees functioning. The Metropolitan Council relies on these committees to help develop solutions that best serve the entire region and play a critical role to help the Council advances all five Thrive Outcomes.

### **Funding**

N/A

### **Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition.