

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 10, 2019

Subject: Appointment to the Land Use Advisory Committee

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853

Staff Prepared/Presented: Nora Slawik, Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointment to the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC):

District 2 – April Graves – Brooklyn Center City Council

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 metropolitan county. 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

All Land Use Advisory Committee terms expired in January 2019. Since January, the Council has made ongoing efforts to recruit qualified members for all openings. The nominating committee made up of Council Member Wendy Wulff, Council Member Judy Johnson and Council Member Peter Lindstrom.

The nominating committee initially conducted interviews for candidates from all districts except District 2 on April 9th and 10th. At the time there was a limited number of candidates from District 2 and the nominating committee decided to extend recruitment. A second round of interviews with five candidates from District 2 were conducted on June 19th with the same nominating committee.

Now the committee will have eleven elected officials as members and six non-elected members.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Appointing member to LUAC is necessary to keep the committee functioning. LUAC work advances all five Thrive Outcomes through shaping regional land use policy and assisting with the comprehensive planning process.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

N/A