

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 24, 2020

Subject: Appointments to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statutes 473.25

Staff Prepared/Presented: Charlie Zelle, Chair

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

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

Appointments through January 2023

Development finance (private banking, real estate, mixed-use development, public finance)

- Miranda Walker – Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, Senior Loan Officer

Local government (planning or community development)

- Meg Beekman – City of Brooklyn Center, Community Development Director

Transportation (development relationship, transportation specialty)

- Jacqueline Corkle – WSB Associates, Director of Transportation

Environment (integration of natural and water resources in development)

- Jen Kader – Freshwater, Senior Program Manager

Appointment through January 2021

Site Design (architecture and land planning)

- Bruce Chamberlain – Stanek, Principal

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

Five Livable Community Advisory Committee appointments are up for reappointment. Four positions are up for appointment due to term expirations and one is up for appointment due to a vacancy.

Council Member Susan Vento Johnson, Council Member Chai Lee, current LCAC member James Garrett Jr and Livable Communities Manager Tara Beard served on the nominating committee which hosted interviews on June 4. Sixteen 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 Zelle and their appointment recommendations are noted above.

If appointed, the development finance, local government, transportation and environment appointees will complete terms ending January 2023. If appointed, the site design appointee will complete terms ending January 2021.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Appointing a member to LCAC is necessary to keep the committee functioning. LCAC work advances all five Thrive Outcomes through helping add or preserve a diversity of land uses, housing types and jobs supporting economic competitiveness over other regions.

Funding

N/A

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.