

## Other Business

Meeting date: October 27, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 27, 2021

**Subject:** Metropolitan Council Member Committee Assignments

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Metropolitan Council Bylaws

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Charles Zelle, Chair

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

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following special and advisory committees, commissions, and boards assignments, as recommended by the Chair and pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III. Both assignments are to replace Council Member Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson.

1. Council Member Susan Vento to be the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) liaison.
2. Council Member Molly Cummings to the Southwest LRT PLACES committee.

### Background

The Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) advises the Council in the development of long-range regional parks policy plan as well as in the review of park and trail master plans for consistency with these policies. Additionally, they review and advise the Council on an acquisition and development program that includes funding priorities for regional parks and trails. MPOSC works in coordination with 10 regional park implementing agencies (counties, cities and special park districts). Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson was designated as the Council's liaison to this commission by the Council at its March 6, 2019, meeting (Business Item No. 2019-52), and she resigned from the Metropolitan Council effective October 7, 2021.

Southwest LRT PLACES (Public Art and Community Engagement Southwest) is a multi-jurisdictional committee that provides guidance and direction to support the planning, design, and funding of public art and place-based design adjacent to SWLRT station areas. Participating cities include Minneapolis, St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and Eden Prairie. Additional partners include Hennepin County Community Works and the Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit. Council Member Atlas-Ingebretson was designated as the Council's representative to this committee by the Council at its February 24, 2021 meeting (Business Item No. 2021-30) and she resigned from the Metropolitan Council, effective October 7, 2021.

### Rationale

Committee member assignments are important to continue the Council's business. Committee membership and leadership will be reviewed annually, or as vacancies arise, by the Chair, in accordance with Council Bylaws.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

Appointing a Metropolitan Council member liaison to MPOSC provides a critical policymaking link between the commission and the Metropolitan Council, in support of the Thrive MSP 2040 outcomes. The Southwest LRT PLACES committee also supports Thrive outcomes by

providing direction to planning and community engagement to support this critical infrastructure project.

**Funding**

None.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.