

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 10, 2021.

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:

Local government (Planning, economic or community development) – through July 2023

- Peggy Sue Imihy – Management Analyst, City of Hopkins

Background

The Livable Communities Advisory Committee (LCAC) reviews and recommends funding awards to the Council under the Livable Communities Demonstration Account and Transit-Oriented Development grant categories. This is a technical review group with broad expertise that reviews complex development and redevelopment proposals against the program's criteria for project that create more housing choice, support living wage job creation, and connect jobs, housing, and regional amenities to create a more equitable region. The committee typically meets Thursday mornings from October-December.

The LCAC has 15 members who are appointed by the Metropolitan Council. Fourteen of the 15 members serve in a specific area of expertise. The 15th member is the Committee Chair and does not represent a specific area of expertise. There is a priority for members who represent historically underrepresented communities or those who work directly with historically underrepresented communities. The bylaws set two-year terms for LCAC members. The Chair also serves a two-year term.

Expertise Areas:

- **Local Government:** Planning, economic or community development
- **Development Finance:** affordable housing finance, private banking, real estate, mixed-use development; public finance
- **Development:** Equitable development strategies, new development, redevelopment
- **Transportation:** Development relationship, transportation specialty, multimodal transportation
- **Environment:** Integration of natural and water resources in development, climate mitigation and adaptation, environmental justice

- Site Design: Landscape architecture, land planning specialty, urban design, public space design
- Community Engagement: Community organizing, arts-based engagement, engagement strategy

Rationale

An opening has become available for one of the two local government representatives because a recently appointed member resigned due to a change in employment that made participation difficult. PeggySue Imihy was recently interviewed as part of a recent effort to fill 9 Livable Communities Advisory Committee openings in June. The LCAC Nominating Committee included during those interviews were Council Member Susan Vento, Council Member Chai Lee, Council Member Reva Chamblis, current committee member Elise Durbin, and Livable Communities Manager Tara Beard.

The Livable Communities staff made the recommendation for this appointment to Chair Zelle for consideration based on the recent pool of applicants, their interviews and discussion among the nominating committee. The Chair's final recommendation is as noted above.

If appointed the Local Government representative will complete a two-year term ending July 2023.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Appointing a member to LCAC is necessary to keep the committee functioning. LCAC work advances all five Thrive Outcomes through helping to 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.

