

Other Business

Meeting date: October 14, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 1, 2009
Subject:	Appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission
District(s), Member(s):	9 – Steffen, 10 - Sanda
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.303 and 15.0597
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Peter Bell, Chair; MPOSC Nominating Committee Members Steffen, Leppik and Wulff
Division/Department:	Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of **Tom Gamec** to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) representing District E.

Background

The MPOSC was created by the Legislature in 1974 to advise the Council on matters relating to the regional recreation open space system. The MPOSC has nine members appointed by the Council: eight district representatives and a chair who represents the region at large. Terms are four years, staggered. Appointments are made in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 473.303 (MPOSC) and 15.0597 (appointments to multi-member agencies).

Rationale

The MPOSC District E position became vacant in June with the resignation of Gary Botzek. Notices of vacancy were published by the Secretary of State's Office and the Metropolitan Council. In accordance with state statute, notification was also provided to local government officials and district legislators.

A public meeting was held to accept statements from and on behalf of the applicants for this position. Council members Steffen (chair), Leppik and Wulff served as the appointments committee. Eight applications were originally received for this position and six individuals interviewed (one applicant formally withdrew their name from consideration, one chose not to participate).

The appointments committee met following the public meeting and is unanimously recommending the appointment of Tom Gamec. Comments of support have also been received from two legislators. As the former mayor of Ramsey, Mr. Gamec worked with the Metropolitan Council on a variety of issues and has a clear understanding of the missions of both the MPOSC and the Council. If appointed, Mr. Gamec will complete a four-year term ending January 2013.

Funding – N/A

Known Support / Opposition – N/A