Business Item Item: 2009-366

Other Business

Meeting date: October 14, 2009

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: October 2, 2009

Subject: Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) Appointment

District(s), Member(s): Georgeanne Hilker – District 11 Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853

Staff Prepared/Presented: Peter Bell, Council Chair (651.602.1453)

Division/Department: Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of **Robert Kermes** to the Land Use Advisory Committee representing District 11.

Background

The LUAC was established by the Metropolitan Council pursuant to MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853. The committee's purpose is to assist the Council in performing regional land use planning functions and undertake other responsibilities as delegated by the Council or required by law. The committee's advisory duties include rendering advice and assistance regarding 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 statute, membership shall include at least one member from each Council district and provide representation from each metropolitan county. At least half of the members must be elected officials of local governmental units.

When an unscheduled vacancy occurs, the LUAC chair notifies the Council chair, who recommends for appointment a new member to fill the vacated position for the remainder of the term.

Rationale

The district 11 seat on LUAC, which was previously held by Bart Rehbein, has become vacant and needs to be filled. In consultation with Metropolitan Council Member Hilker, Chair Bell is recommending the appointment of Robert Kermes to the Land Use Advisory Committee representing district 11. Mr. Kermes is presently a township board supervisor in White Bear Township. He also is the township representative with the Ramsey County League of Local Communities and the Lake Area Bus Commission. If appointed, Mr. Kermes will complete a term ending January 2011.

Funding - N/A

Known Support / Opposition - N/A