Other Business

Meeting date: February 24, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	February 1, 2010
Subject:	Appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission
District(s), Member(s):	7 – Meeks, 8 - Wittsack
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.303 and 15.0597
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Peter Bell, Chair; MPOSC Nominating Committee Members Steffen (chair), Leppik and Wulff
Division/Department:	Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of **JEFFREY LEE** to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (MPOSC) representing District D.

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 D position became vacant in October with the resignation of Mark Peterson. 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. Six applications were received for this position with five applicants choosing to participate in the interview process (one applicant withdrew his name from consideration prior to the public meeting).

The appointments committee met following the public meeting and is recommending the appointment of Jeffrey Lee to the MPOSC representing District D. If appointed, Mr. Lee will complete a four-year term ending January 2011.

Funding – N/A

Known Support / Opposition – N/A