

## Other Business

Meeting date: April 14

### ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	March 31, 2010
<b>Subject:</b>	Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) Appointment
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	Annette Meeks – District 7
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Peter Bell, Council Chair (651.602.1453)
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Chair's Office

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of **Andrew Hestness** to the Land Use Advisory Committee representing District 7.

### 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 7 seat on LUAC is vacant and needs to be filled. A news release was issued in February 2010 for this position. Three applications were received for consideration.

Following review of the applications, Andrew Hestness is being recommended for appointment. Mr. Hestness is a community development specialist with experience in real estate development, affordable housing finance, neighborhood planning, and transit oriented development. If appointed, Mr. Hestness will complete a term ending January 2011.

**Funding - N/A**

**Known Support / Opposition - N/A**