

## Other Business

Meeting date: June 22, 2011

### ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	June 16, 2011
<b>Subject:</b>	Appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statutes 473.303
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Sue Haigh, Chair; MPOSC Appointments Committee Members Wulff, Smith and Kramer
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Chair's Office

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission: **CHARLES HAAS**—Chair, **SEYON NYANWLEH**—District A, **ROBERT MOELLER** —District B, **EMILY JOHNSON PIPER**—District C, **JEFFREY LEE** —District D, and **CARRIE WASLEY** —District G.

### 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 (Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission) and 15.0597 (appointments to multi-member agencies).

### Rationale

The chair and four district positions (A-D) are up for appointment due to term expirations. The district G position is open due to a mid-term resignation. 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.

Two public meetings were scheduled to accept statements from applicants for the district positions. Council members Wulff (chair), Smith and Kramer served as the appointments committee. Nineteen applications were received for the five positions. Following the meetings, the appointments committee met to develop their recommendation. The committee reviewed application materials, public meeting comments, and input received from other Council members, local elected officials and legislators. The final decision of who to recommend for appointment was unanimous.

Chair Haigh reviewed the applications of those expressing interest in the MPOSC chair position and is recommending the reappointment of Charles Haas.

The chair and district A-D appointees will complete terms ending January 2015; the district G appointee will complete a term ending January 2013.

**Funding - N/A**

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