



## Other Business

Meeting date: February 8, 2012

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

<b>Date:</b>	January 27, 2012
<b>Subject:</b>	Appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	9 – Edward Reynoso; 10 – John Đoàn
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statutes 473.303
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Sue Haigh, Chair; MPOSC Appointments Committee Members Wulff, Reynoso and Đoàn
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Chair's Office

**Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of **TONY YARUSSO** to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission 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 (Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission) and 15.0597 (appointments to multi-member agencies).

**Rationale**

The District E position on the MPOSC is open due to a mid-term resignation. MPOSC District E comprises Metropolitan Council districts 9 and 10. 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 scheduled to accept statements from applicants. Council members Wulff (chair), Reynoso and Đoàn served as the appointments committee. Three applications were received for this position and all three applicants were interviewed (two at the public meeting and one the following week, as the applicant was out of state at the time of the meeting). Following the interviews, 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.

If appointed, Mr. Yarusso will complete a term ending January 2013.

**Funding** - N/A

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