



## Other Business

Meeting date: March 28, 2012

### ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	March 13, 2012
Subject:	Land Use Advisory Committee Appointment
District(s), Member(s):	District 6, James Brimeyer
Policy/Legal Reference:	MN Statutes 473.127 and 473.853
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Sue Haigh, Chair
Division/Department:	Chair's Office

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of **KATHI HEMKEN**, Mayor of New Hope, to the Land Use Advisory Committee representing District 6.

### Background

The Land Use Advisory Committee (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 state statute, membership shall include at least one member from each Council district and provide representation from each metropolitan county. Because both Scott and Carver counties are located within Council district 4, two members are needed from that district. At least half of the members must be elected officials of local governmental units. Members serve the same period as the term of their appointed Council member.

### Rationale

In July 2011, the Council appointed 18 members to the LUAC (17 district members and the chair). Of those 18 members, nine (exactly half) were local elected officials. Since that time, the status of the member representing District 6 changed from elected to non-elected. This change decreased the number of elected officials to eight, which is less than the half required by statute. To address this issue, Council Member Brimeyer contacted the communities in his district seeking elected officials interested in serving on LUAC. As a result of his outreach, New Hope Mayor Kathi Hemken submitted her application for appointment consideration.

At this time, with Council Member Brimeyer's support, the Council is being asked to approve the appointment of New Hope Mayor Kathi Hemken to the Land Use Advisory Committee representing Council District 6.

**Funding – N/A**

**Known Support / Opposition – N/A**