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For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 8, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date August 1, 2012
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 Subject: Livable Communities Advisory Committee Appointments

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council approve Chair Haigh's recommendation to appoint the following persons to the Livable Communities Advisory Committee to terms as noted:

Chair	Mary Hamann-Roland , Mayor, City of Apple Valley (serves at the pleasure of the Council)
The following persons are recommended for appointment or re-appointment to three-year terms in the listed expertise categories:	
Public Finance	Kenneth Johnson , retired, Chair of Minnesota Housing Board, member of Family Housing Fund and Twin Cities Community Land Bank Boards (reappointment)
Development	Don Jensen , Hennepin County (reappointment)
Transportation and Development Relationship	James Barton , retired transportation planner, Metropolitan Council, and consultant (reappointment)
Environment /Integration of Natural and Water Resources	Regina Bonsignore , Landscape Architect, University of Minnesota Design Center (reappointment)
Environment – Integration of Natural and Water Resources in Development	Cliff Aichinger , Administrator, Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District (new appointment)
Site Design – Architecture/Land Planning Specialty	James Garrett , Partner, 4rmula architectural firm (new appointment)
Development/Redevelopment	JoAnna Hicks , Development Director, Ackerberg Group (new appointment)

Issues:

- o Four seats on the Livable Communities Advisory Committee (LCAC) expire each year, one in each of four expertise categories established by LCAC bylaws. Terms for seats are three years.
- o All four of the expiring seats are reappointments.
- o Three members with non-expiring terms were unable to continue their terms due to changing professional and personal responsibilities and therefore, new appointments are recommended to fill these vacancies.
- o The LCAC Chair does not serve a specific term, and is appointed or reappointed each year.
- o Chair Haigh contacted the other members of the Committee serving terms that were not expiring. Each confirmed their willingness to carry out the remainder of their terms.

Overview:

The LCAC is charged with evaluating proposals and making funding recommendations to the Council for grant awards made under the Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) of the Livable Communities Act, and this year, for the first time, grant awards for the LCDA Transit Oriented Development grant category.

The LCAC includes 12 members and a Chair. The LCAC bylaws, as revised in 2005, established six areas of expertise to provide the range of skills and experience necessary for evaluating development and redevelopment projects for which LCDA funding is requested: 1) local government planning, economic or community development; 2) development finance – one private finance, one public finance; 3) development – one new development, one redevelopment; 4) transportation and land use relationship; 5) environment and land use relationship; 6) site design and land planning. The bylaws set three-year, staggered terms for LCAC members. Four terms expire each year. The LCAC committee Chair does not serve in a specific expertise category, and serves at the pleasure of the Council.

The candidates recommended this year include four reappointments and 3 new appointments. In addition, Mary Hamann-Roland, Mayor of Apple Valley has agreed, for a second year, to serve as Chair of the LCAC, if approved by the Council.

The LCAC will begin its evaluation of LCDA applications in September and make its recommendations to the Community Development Committee in December.