

Other Business

Meeting date: September 12, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	September 5, 2012
Subject:	Appointment to the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.303
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Sue Haigh, Chair
Division/Department:	Chair's Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of **DEAN JOHNSTON** as chair of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission.

Background

The Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission (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 of the MPOSC is open due to a mid-term resignation. As a result of outreach led by Chair Haigh, Lake Elmo Mayor Dean Johnston submitted his application for appointment consideration. With Chair Haigh's support, the Council is being asked to approve the appointment of Mayor Dean Johnston as chair of the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission.

If appointed, Mayor Johnston will complete a term ending January 2015.

Funding - N/A

Known Support / Opposition - N/A