

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ) RESOLUTION NO. 09-4096  
MEMBERS TO THE NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS )  
CAPITAL GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE AND ) Introduced by Council President Bragdon  
APPOINTING A NEW PERSON IN THE WATER )  
QUALITY SPECIALIST POSITION. )

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2007, the Metro Council approved Resolution No. 07-3879, "Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee;"

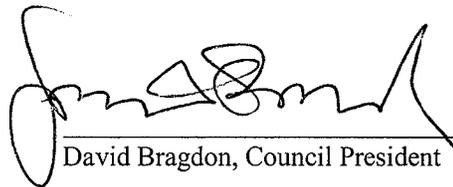
WHEREAS, three of the members were appointed to two-year terms and are eligible to serve two additional two-year terms;

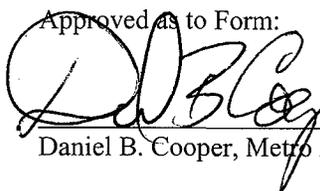
WHEREAS, the member currently filling the position of Water Resources Specialist no longer wishes to serve on the committee, a new person must be appointed to fill that position;

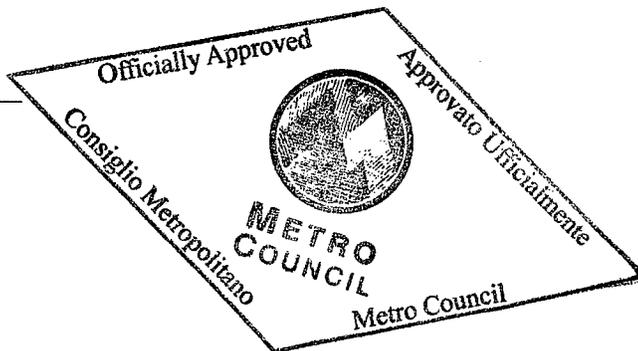
WHEREAS, the Council President desires to reappoint the two current members of the committee and to appoint a new water resources specialist to the committee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council confirms the reappointments to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee and the appointment of a new water resources specialist to the committee, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 10 day of DECEMBER 2009.

  
David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:  
  
Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



**Exhibit A to Resolution No. 09-4096**

**Nature in Neighborhoods  
Capital Grants Review Committee**

**Committee Member Appointments**

The following persons shall serve two-year terms, and be eligible thereafter to serve one additional two-year term:

Helena Huang	Independent Consultant, member of the Natural Areas Program Performance Oversight Committee
Jeri Williams	Program Manager for Diversity Leadership Programs, City of Portland, Office of Neighborhood Involvement
Gayle Killam	Protection and Restoration Program Director, River Network

## STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4096, CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING A NEW PERSON IN THE WATER QUALITY SPECIALIST POSITION.

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### BACKGROUND

The Natural Areas Bond Measure provides \$15 million for a Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program to provide local organizations and public entities with additional funds for land acquisition and projects that protect and enhance natural resources in the urban environment.

The Metro Council created a new Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee in November 2007. The Capital Grants Review Committee consists of 9 members appointed by the Council President and confirmed by the Metro Council on November 1, 2007, by its approval of Resolution No. 07-3879, "Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee."

Members of the committee are drawn from all areas of the region and from a variety of technical and professional disciplines, including water quality specialists, a fish biologist, and a landscape architect.

The grant review committee reviews grant applications that Metro staff has screened and makes recommendations for funding to the Metro Council. The Metro Council awards all grants under this program.

This Resolution reappoints two committee members, and appoints one new member to the committee to replace a member who no longer has the capacity to serve.

### ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition**

None.

2. **Legal Antecedents**

Metro Resolution No. 06-3672B, "For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area a General Obligation Bond Indebtedness in the Amount of \$227.4 Million to Fund Natural Area Acquisition and Water Quality Protection," approved by the Metro Council on March 9, 2006.

Metro Code Section 2.19.230, "Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee," which section establishes the purpose, authority, and member appointment process for the committee.

Metro Resolution No. 07-3879, "Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee," approved by the Metro Council on November 1, 2007.

Metro Resolution No. 07-3874, "Confirming the Appointment of the Chair of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee," approved by the Metro Council on December 6, 2007.

3. **Anticipated Effects**

By approving resolution 09-4096, the Metro Council will reappoint two committee members whose terms have expired but wish to continue serving, and will appoint one new member to the committee. The expertise of these Committee members have helped ensure that grant funds are awarded to projects that best meet the goals and objectives of the Natural Areas Bond Measure.

4. **Budget Impacts**

There are no budget impacts.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 09-4096.