BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS)	RESOLUTION NO. 13-4408
OF THE NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL)	
GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE)	Introduced by Council President Hughes

WHEREAS, Metro Code 2.19.230 establishes the Nature in Neighborhoods Grants Review Committee whose members are to be appointed by the Metro Council President subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council confirmed the appointments of the original committee by Metro Council Resolution No. 07-3879 ("Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee"), adopted November 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council most recently confirmed the reappointment of members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee and added two additional members to the position of Community Representative by Metro Council Resolution No. 12-4318 ("Confirming the Appointment of Members of the Nature In Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee"), adopted January 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, two new members and a Metro Councilor have been invited to serve on the committee; and

WHEREAS, three current committee members wish to be reappointed to the committee;

WHEREAS, the Council President desires to appoint two new members and a Metro Councilor to the committee, and to reappoint three current members to the committee; now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council confirms the appointments to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this

2013.

Approved as to Form:

Alison Kean Campbell, Metro Attorney

Exhibit A to Resolution No. 13-4408

Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee

Committee Member Confirmations

The following person shall fill positions that are not term-limited:

Kathryn Harrington Metro Councilor, District 4

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

Maileen Hamto Community Representative
Galina Burley Community Representative

The following persons have served an initial one-year term and two two-year terms and are being reappointed and confirmed for a final one-year term, which commenced November 2012 and shall end October 2013:

Sue Marshall Committee Chair, Water Quality Specialist

Todd Alsbury Fish biologist, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

The following person has served an initial one-year term, and is being appointed and confirmed for a two-year term:

Steve Yarosh Community Representative, member of Natural Areas Program

Performance Oversight Committee

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-4408, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

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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 members appointed by the Council President and confirmed by the Metro Council.

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

The grant review committee reviews grant applications with the support and due diligence of Metro staff and makes recommendations for funding to the Metro Council. The Metro Council awards all grants under this program.

This Resolution confirms the reappoint of three current committee members. In addition, it confirms the appointment of new members to the committee, including a Metro Councilor and two members representing the community.

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.

Metro Resolution No. 09-4027, "Confirming the Reappointment of Members to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee, Designating the Chair, and Appointing a New Metro Natural Resources Staff Person," adopted on February 19, 2009.

Metro 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," approved by the Metro Council on December 10, 2009.

Metro Resolution No. 12-4318, "Confirming the Appointment of Members of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee," adopted on January 12, 2012.

3. Anticipated Effects

By approving resolution 13-4408, the Metro Council will confirm the reappointment of three committee members whose terms have expired but who wish to continue serving, and will appoint a Metro Councilor, Metro staff member and three new community members to the committee. The expertise of these committee members helps ensure that the Metro Council awards grant funds 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. 13-4408.