

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING) RESOLUTION NO. 13-4485
THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF)
THE NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
CAPITAL GRANTS REVIEW) Bennett in concurrence with Council
COMMITTEE) President Tom 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. 13-4408 ("Confirming the Appointment of Members of the Nature In Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee"), adopted February 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, three members of the committee have either resigned or reached the end of their ability to serve due to term limits defined in 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;" and

WHEREAS, three new members have been invited to serve on the committee; and

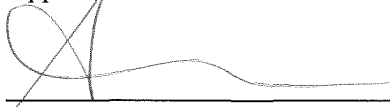
WHEREAS, one current committee member wishes to be reappointed to the committee, and will be appointed to act as Chair of the committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council President desires to appoint three new members, and to reappoint one current member to the committee; now, therefore,

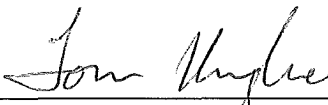
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council confirms the appointments to the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 19 day of December 2013.

Approved as to Form:



Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney



Tom Hughes, Council President

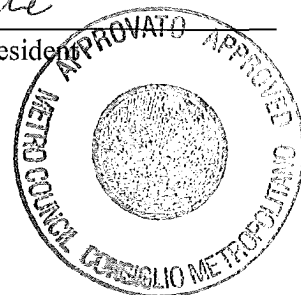


Exhibit A to Resolution No. 13-4485

**Nature in Neighborhoods
Capital Grants Review Committee**

Committee Member Confirmations

The following person has served an initial two-year term, and is being appointed for a second two-year term and will serve as Chair of the Capital Grant Review Committee:

- Mike Zilis, Community Representative

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

- David Steward, Fish Biologist
- Julie DiLeone, Water Resource Specialist
- Norman Penner, Community Representative

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-4485, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NATURE IN NEIGHBORHOODS CAPITAL GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date: December 19, 2013

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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 the 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 reappointment of one current committee member. It also confirms the appointment of three new members to the committee, including one member who will fill the vacancy for fish biologist, one member who will fill the position of water resource specialist, and one member representing the community.

In addition, Mike Zilis, who has served on the Capital Grant Review Committee since February 2012, will replace Sue Marshall as Chair of the committee.

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," adopted 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," adopted on November 1, 2007.

Metro Resolution No. 07-3874, "Confirming the Appointment of the Chair of the Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee," adopted 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,” adopted 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.

Metro Resolution No. 13-4408, “Confirming the Appointment of Members of the Nature In Neighborhoods Capital Grants Review Committee,” adopted on February 14, 2013.

3. Anticipated Effects

By approving Resolution No. 13-4485, the Metro Council will confirm the reappointment of one committee member whose term has expired but who wishes to continue serving as the new chair of the committee and three new 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. 13-4485.