BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING)	RESOLUTION NO. 13-4488
APPOINTMENTS TO THE METRO PUBLIC)	
ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE.)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
		Bennett in concurrence with Council
		President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, in furtherance of Metro's Principles of Citizen Involvement, set forth in Resolution No. 97-2433, adopted January 23, 1997, and Ordinance No. 12-1294 amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030, the Metro Council established an Advisory Committee known as the Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC) to advise the Metro Council on the development and maintenance of programs and procedures to aid communication between the public and the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, by a fair and open process, Metro has recruited applicants for PERC and the Metro Council President has appointed selected applicants consisting of members of the public, representatives of community organizations, and public involvement staff from local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030 requires that the Metro Council confirm appointments made by the Council President to Metro's Advisory Committees; and now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments by the Metro Council President to PERC are hereby confirmed to serve on PERC for the terms noted:

PERC Members and Terms

At-large representatives from the region

Three-year term: Greg Greenway Jennifer Sexton Tara Sulzen

Community organization representatives

Three-year term:

Casey Barnard

Committee terms will run from January to December. Recruitment to fill vacancies will begin each fall and the Metro Council will appoint new members each December.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 12 day of December, 2013.

Approved as to Form:

Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-4488 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE METRO PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE.

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BACKGROUND

By approval of Ordinance no. 12-1294, Metro Council approved amending the Metro Code regarding the Office of Citizen Involvement to dissolve the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement and establish a new standing public committee, the Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC). The PERC will convene twice a year and consist of at-large community members, representatives from three community organizations and public involvement staff from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

The PERC serves as a key component of Metro's ongoing efforts to develop and implement successful public engagement processes. The committee will also assist with Metro's annual public engagement report, Opt In public engagement review survey and annual community summit.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

For initial appointment to the committee in 2012, staff opened an application process and engaged community stakeholders, local agencies and jurisdictions to recruit committee applicants with public involvement experience, strong community connections and a diverse geographic and demographic representation.

Staff reviewed 27 applications for at-large community member and 7 applications for community organization representation. This information was reviewed by staff against the following published criteria:

- A commitment to community involvement
- Demonstrated skills, knowledge or experience that apply to principles of citizen involvement adopted by Metro
- An ability to assist in representing the geographic and demographic diversity of the region.

In the inaugural year of the PERC, one community organization representative and three at-large community members were appointed for a one-year term in order to establish a rotation schedule. Eventually all positions will be appointed for three-year terms. After consulting with councilors and the communications director, staff recommends the following be reappointed to the PERC for full three-year terms: Casey Barnard, Greg Greenway, Jennifer Sexton and Tara Sulzen.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. Known Opposition None

- 2. **Legal Antecedents** Resolution No. 97-2433 establishing Metro's Principles of Citizen Involvement: Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030; and Ordinance No. 12-1294 amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030.
- 3. **Anticipated Effects** The appointments to the PERC will allow Metro to more successfully engage communities with Metro's initiatives, improve public engagement best practices and prioritize projects for public outreach.
- 4. **Budget Impacts** No budget impacts. Program needs are accounted for in existing staff resources and accessing Communications M&S included in the COO proposed budget for FY 2013-2014.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Confirm the reappointments of Casey Barnard, Greg Greenway, Jennifer Sexton and Tara Sulzen to the Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC).