

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 23-5349
APPOINTMENTS OF MICHAEL HULL AND)	
SANJAYA SILGA TO THE METRO CENTRAL)	Introduced by Councilor Mary Nolan
STATION COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT		
COMMITTEE (MCSCEC)		

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.030, "Membership of the Advisory Committees," provides that all members and alternate members of all Metro Advisory Committees shall be appointed by the Council President and shall be subject to confirmation by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.120, "Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (MCSCE[C])," provides the process for seating the MCSCEC, including the representation criteria for membership; and

WHEREAS, vacancies have occurred in representation of the Linnton Neighborhood Association and of the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association on the MCSCEC; and

WHEREAS, Michael Hull has been nominated by the Linnton Neighborhood Association and Sanjaya Silga has been nominated by the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association to represent these associations on the MCSCEC, and their appointments are supported by the MCSCEC Committee Chair; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council President has appointed Michael Hull to represent the Linnton Neighborhood Association MCSCEC position, and Sanjaya Silga to represent the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association MCSCEC position, and this appointment is subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council confirms the appointment of Michael Hull and Sanjaya Silga to the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee for a term of one year, ending June 30, 2024.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 14th day of September, 2023.

Lynn Peterson

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPONTMENTS OF MICHAEL HULL AND SANJAYA SILGA TO THE METRO CENTRAL STATION COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (MCSCEC)

Date: August 17, 2023
Department: Waste Prevention and Environmental Services
Meeting Date: September 14, 2023

Prepared by: Alejandra Cortes
Presenter(s): Councilor Mary Nolan and Noelle Dobson
Length: Consent

ISSUE STATEMENT

Two vacancies have occurred in the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee (hereinafter referred to as MCSCEC) membership. These vacancies in the MCSCEC membership currently exist due to the end of a term for members representing the Linnton Neighborhood and the Cathedral Park Neighborhood.

ACTION REQUESTED

Lynn Peterson, Council President, and Councilor Mary Nolan, chair of the MCSCEC recommend adoption of this resolution to confirm the appointment Michael Hull and Sanjaya Silga to serve on the MCSCEC.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

With adoption of this resolution, Michael Hull and Sanjaya Silga will be appointed to a one-year term on the MCSCEC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends adoption of this resolution to appoint Michael Hull and Sanjaya Silga to the MCSCEC. Their committee applications articulate their passion for community enhancement and their interconnectedness to the communities they live in.

Hull is actively involved with townhall meetings and volunteer efforts in the Linnton Community. Additionally, Hull's connectivity to the natural environment through a lens of filmmaking and documenting environmental protection, community change, and advocacy makes them a well-positioned candidate for the MCSCEC.

Silga is actively involved with his community of St. Johns and the natural spaces in the region. Additionally, Silga's connectivity to the hazardous waste system, commitment to diversity and ability to create collaborative relationships make him a valuable addition to the MCSCEC.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- How does this advance Metro's racial equity goals?

The engagement approach for recruiting committee members and the appointment of these members supports Goal B/Objective 2: Increase participation of communities of color in Metro decision-making. Hull and Silga are actively engaged in improving the lives of diverse community members in both their professional and personal lives. Their diversity-centered work makes them well suited to promote solutions and support the diverse needs of the community in the boundary area.

- How does this advance Metro's climate action goals?

Hull is actively engaged in improving the health of our natural environment through volunteer work. This, along with their residency in the Linnton Neighborhood makes them uniquely suited to address the diverse geography within the MCS Community Enhancement Grant boundary and promote community-based solutions in the grant boundary area.

Silga is actively engaged in improving the health of the natural environment through community connection and feedback groups. Along with their residency in the Cathedral Park Neighborhood this makes them a valuable addition to support in addressing the emergent needs of communities and environmental issues within the grant boundary. The MCS Community Enhancement Grant Program includes goals that can mitigate and prevent impacts to the natural environment and its impact on our climate.

- Known Opposition/Support/Community Feedback
There is no known opposition to the appointment of Michael Hull or Sanjaya Silga to the MCSCEC.
- Explicit list of stakeholder groups and individuals who have been involved in policy development.
Mary Nolan, Metro Councilor District 5
Noelle Dobson, Metro Community Enhancement Grant Program Manager
Alejandra Cortes, Metro Community Enhancement Grants Program Coordinator
- Legal Antecedents
Chapter 2.19 of the Metro Code regarding Metro Advisory Committees; specifically Section 2.19.120, which provides for the Metro Central Station Community Enhancement Committee and sets forth guidelines for committee representation.
- Anticipated Effects
Adoption of this resolution would confirm the appointment of Michael Hull and Sanjaya Silga to the MCSCEC.

BACKGROUND

The MCSCEC is charged with helping develop plans to administer grant funds, solicit and review grant applications, and select for funding improvement projects that benefit the area directly affected by the Metro Central transfer station, including portions of Northwest and North Portland.

Mary Nolan, Metro Councilor for District 5, chairs the seven-member committee. Prior to appointment, members of the committee are required to be nominated by neighborhood associations named in Metro Code Section 2.19.120 or by an environmental organization that has or will have an interest in the enhancement area.

A recruitment to fill the positions began in March of 2023, seeking replacement of representatives from the Linnton Neighborhood and the Cathedral Park Neighborhood on the MCSCEC. Metro staff engaged the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association and the Linnton Neighborhood Association, current MCSCEC committee members, and current and past grantees to recruit nominees. Metro staff received two applications in total.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Michael Hull MCSCEC committee application

Attachment 2 – Sanjaya Silga MCSCEC committee application



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Metro Central Community Enhancement Program Committee Application

Michael Hull

Linnton Neighborhood Association
10638 NW 4th ST
Portland, Oregon 97231

August 4, 2023

Please describe your connection to the communities in the grant area boundary, or your interest in serving those communities.

I am a resident and volunteer in the neighborhood community of Linnton. I have lived here with my partner for around 2 years. Because of where we live, and our proximity to the waterfront, big industry, and the Willamette-Columbia water channels, environmental issues are of high-effect to our lives. For this reason, I would be honored to serve on a committee that reads and reviews grants impacting our area and other regions of the Portland Metro.

Members of the Metro Central Enhancement Committee contribute a wide variety of complementary skills and experiences. Please describe any relevant knowledge, professional and/or lived experience that you would bring to the committee, including knowledge and experience about environmental justice or protecting the environmental quality of communities.

I am a filmmaker, photographer, and documentarian who cares about preserving this planet through environmental protection, community change, and advocacy. I believe I could use these areas of experience for the benefit of the Metro Central Community, using film and persuasive imagery to bring important community issues to the top of the agenda.

Please explain how you keep informed and aware of the community's diverse needs and priorities.

I am a distributor of the Linnton newsletter and read each issue cover to cover. In addition, I meet with community residents periodically through town hall meetings to stay informed about community updates and hear voices from my surrounding area. I also use these meetings to share my own ideas and contribute concrete actionable plans for improving our way of living for those on the Willamette river.

Summarize any relevant experience in working or collaborating with people whose background is different than yours.

In my career as a digital artist and filmmaker, I have spent time collaborating with people across the globe--in countries such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, India, and the Ukraine (to name a few). I have learned through these experiences that diversity adds inherent strength to culture, and without these differences, working environments tend to suffer. I have friends from many walks of life



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and count myself privileged to have met each of them. I still have much to learn from others, but strive to continue my learning with an openness and readiness that challenges my comfort zone and invites new possibilities for equity and justice to be enacted in their fullest forms.

The committee evaluates grant proposals in part on the project's and/or organization's efforts to advance equity through projects that benefit underserved communities and build their capacity to improve their own communities. What knowledge and experience do you bring in understanding how programs, services and grant dollars can benefit underserved communities?

This is still an area of growth and learning for me. I understand that better funding can generally improve underserved communities. Especially if that funding can be used toward education, the arts, social work, and health care. However, there is still much nuance and complexity here that I don't fully understand, but would like to learn What better way to learn than by doing.

Do you now have or anticipate any conflicts of interest that might require you to excuse yourself from the review of any potential project? Please explain. For example, do you or a family member work for or serve on the board of an organization that might seek a grant from this program? Are you a consultant that might be interested in submitting a proposal for the type of work that this program funds? This does not disqualify you from applying for the committee, but you will not be allow to review any projects that you have a conflict with.

I do not foresee anything of this sort.



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Metro Central Community Enhancement Program Committee Application

Sanjaya Silga

Cathedral Park Neighborhood
7533 North Hudson St.
Portland, Oregon 97203

August 11, 2023

Please describe your connection to the communities in the grant area boundary, or your interest in serving those communities.

I have lived in St. Johns for about 9 years. I love the diversity of my community and the small town feel of the area. The St John's bridge and Cathedral Park are some of my favorite places in Portland.

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I manage a diverse team at a glass production factory. I have experience with safe handling and disposal of hazardous materials.

Please explain how you keep informed and aware of the community's diverse needs and priorities.

Talking with my neighbors, reading local publications and online news forums. I will liaison with the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association to keep them up to date on grant opportunities and awards.

Summarize any relevant experience in working or collaborating with people whose background is different than yours.

I come from mixed race parents and I was home schooled on an organic farm until 8th grade; almost everyone I meet has a different background than I do.

The work team that I manage at the glass factory is a very diverse group. I pride my self in forming teams of unique individuals.

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