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Resolution 2020-169

Resolution Approving the Slate of Individuals to Serve on the Community Advisory Committee for the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) is the steward of the Minneapolis park system;

Whereas, MPRB was created by the Minnesota Legislature in April 1883 and has the authority to manage and operate park facilities;

Whereas, The Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan (Cedar-Isles Master Plan) is situated within the Minneapolis Chain of Lakes Regional Park;

Whereas, MPRB's commitment to completing the Cedar-Isles Master Plan ensures a vision and policy direction for the area to be implemented over the next 20-plus years and plays a vital part in supporting a healthy quality of life for Minneapolis residents and visitors;

Whereas, The MPRB desires broad representation and participation in the planning, development, and evaluation of public policies;

Whereas, On November 6, 2019, MPRB staff submitted a Community Engagement Assessment and draft Community Engagement Plan that recommended establishing an appointed Community Advisory Committee (CAC) because the project will create a new public policy;

Whereas, The Community Engagement Policy approved on March 27, 2019, states that "Commissioners and the Selection Committee will consider geographic, language, age, race/ethnicity, socioeconomic, gender identity, and interest diversity as they select the group. For regional parks, no more than fifty percent (50%) of the CAC shall be representatives drawn from neighborhoods adjacent to the park" (Local community members);

Whereas, In conformance with the MPRB's Community Engagement Policy, staff has drafted a charge and slate in concert with community for the project;

Whereas, The MPRB Board of Commissioners approved the charge for the Cedar-Isles Master Plan Community Advisory Committee on January 22, 2020, that included an appointment deadline for Commissioners of February 14, 2020;

Whereas, Individual Commissioners have appointed both local and regional community members to the CAC, as follows, and these appointments are not subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners:

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Appointer	Committee Recommended Slate	Regional or Local community member
President Cowgill	Win Rockwell – Chair	Local
Commissioner Forney	Linda Mack	Local
Commissioner Musich	Anna Eleria	Local
Commissioner Meyer	Rebecca Cohen-Rencountre	Regional
Commissioner Bourn	Ben Surma	Regional
Vice President Vetaw	Alice Lehman	Regional
Commissioner French		
Commissioner Hassan		
Commissioner Severson		

Whereas, A Selection Committee consisting of local and regional representatives met on Thursday, February 27, 2020, to select eight CAC members and four alternates based on the requirements within the community engagement policy; and

Whereas, This resolution is supported by the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan, which envisions "Urban forests, natural areas, and waters that endure and captivate," "Dynamic parks that shape city character and meet diverse community needs," and "A safe place to play, celebrate, contemplate, and recreate;"

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners approves the slate of individuals to serve on the Community Advisory Committee for the Cedar-Isles Master Plan, as follows:

<u>CAC Slate</u>

Appointer	Committee Recommended Slate	Regional or Local community member
Selection Committee	Adam Braun	Local
Selection Committee	Michaela A. West	Local
Selection Committee	Laura Kinkead	Local
Selection Committee	Nan Dreher	Local

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Selection Committee	Aaron Shaffer	Regional
Selection Committee	Lilia Theisen	Regional
Selection Committee	Eric Gangl	Regional
Selection Committee	Jim Romlin	Regional
Selection Committee	*Will Stensrud*	*Local Alternate #1*
Selection Committee	*James Reid*	*Local Alternate #2*
Selection Committee	*Drew McGovern*	*Regional Alternate #1*
Selection Committee	*Constance Pepin*	*Regional Alternate #2*

and

RESOLVED, That the President of the Board and Secretary to the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

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TO: Planning Committee

FROM: Michael Schroeder,

DATE: April 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving the Slate of Individuals to Serve on the Community Advisory Committee for the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan

BACKGROUND

This action would approve a slate of Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members to guide the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan (Cedar-Isles Master Plan). The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has launched the Cedar-Isles Master Plan process, which will direct policy and design implementation for the park land around both lakes for the next 20+ years. This planning process will involve community, MPRB staff, and Commissioners in shaping the future direction of this area.

MPRB staff submitted a Community Engagement Assessment *(Attachment A)* and draft Community Engagement Plan (*Attachment B*) on November 6, 2019. The Assessment and Plan recommend establishing a CAC because the project will create a new master plan.

In accordance with the MPRB's Community Engagement Policy and the project's Community Engagement Assessment and Community Engagement Plan, staff has made efforts to recruit CAC applicants that represent the broad diversity of Minneapolis and park users. The CAC Selection Committee offers its recommendation for participation on the CAC as demonstrated through the slate with the CAC Composition Goals in mind.

CAC Composition Goals:	Appointers and the CAC Selection Committee should appoint individuals that represent one or more of the identities/perspectives listed below to ensure diversity on the CAC. This is not an exhaustive or conclusive list, and categories should be based on self- identification, and not assumption.
Racial/Ethnic Diversity	White, African American, Hmong, Lao, East African, SE Asian, Native American
Generational Diversity	Youth and seniors
Socioeconomic Diversity	Renters, below the poverty line, people experiencing homelessness, or individuals/organizations that assist

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	people experiencing homelessness
Linguistic Diversity	ASL, people that speak a language other than English at home
Diversity of interests	Recreation, youth programming, climate resilience, safety and security, active transportation, food systems, geographical diversity
People with Disabilities	People with mental, emotion, and/or physical disabilities or individuals/organizations that assist people with disabilities
Gender diversity	Diversity of gender identities
Geographic diversity	Under the Community Engagement Policy, regional park CACs must be composed such that no more than 50% of the CAC shall be representatives drawn from neighborhoods adjacent to the park. Seek people from across the city and outside Minneapolis

The proposed slate responds to Commissioner appointments received by the Board-approve deadline of February 14, 2020, in terms of local (those from adjacent neighborhoods) and regional representation *(Attachment C)*. The Commissioner appointments received to date are:

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Commissioner Hassan		
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The Selection Committee met on February 27, 2020. Organizations, committees, and groups represented at the Selection Committee included:

- Audubon Society
- Cedar Lake Park Association
- Kenwood Neighborhood Association
- Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association
- Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee
- The Loppet Foundation
- East Isles Resident Association
- Cedar-Isles-Dean Neighborhood Association (CIDNA)
- Citizens Acting for Rail Safety – Twin Cities

The Selection Committee considered the whole composition of the CAC in making their decisions to ensure equitable representation on the CAC. The Committee also selected separate local and regional alternates, should replacement become necessary under the Community Engagement Policy or should a Commissioner appoint from within the proposed slate.

The CAC Charge was approved by the Board on September 4, 2019. The charge states that the Cedar-Isles Community Advisory Committee shall:

- become knowledgeable about the MPRB master planning process;
- understand the history of the park land and how it may inform future design and policy decisions;
- understand and balance the complexities between programming and recreation needs with natural space and preservation needs;
- understand the values and needs for the Minneapolis regional park system and its community and the values and needs of the local community;
- inform and listen to community about the project;
- help identify communities, organizations, user groups, populations and others that should be consulted in the engagement process;
- report back to appointers or appointing bodies, as requested, on the plan process, information presented, and possible recommendations;
- engage in working groups and subcommittees as needed;
- provide feedback on a draft plan;
- make recommendations about the project to the MPRB Board of Commissioners; and
- abide by the CE Policy.

It is expected that the Cedar-Isles Master Plan will come before the Board of Commissioners in a public hearing and for approval in late 2021.

FUNDING

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Sources	Amount	$470,000
2020 Parks and Trails Legacy Funds	$470,000	
Uses		**$470,000**
Consultants	$300,000	
In-house administrative costs	$43,908	
Topographic and ALTA survey	$126,092	
Balance	**$0**	**$0**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approving the community and staff recommended slate of individuals to serve on the Community Advisory Committee for the Cedar-Isles Master Plan, as follows:

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This action is supported by the following vision and goal statements in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan:

- **Vision Theme 1:** Urban forests, natural areas, and waters that endure and captivate

- **Vision Theme 2:** Recreation that inspires personal growth, healthy lifestyles, and a sense of community

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- **Vision Theme 3:** Dynamic parks that shape city character and meet diverse community needs

- **Vision Theme 4:** A safe place to play

HISTORY:

03/18/20 Planning Committee ADOPTED

Approved on a Roll Call Vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A - Community Engagement Plan for Cedar-Isles Master Plan (PDF)
- Attachment B - Community Engagement Assessment for Cedar-Isles Master Plan (PDF)
- Attachment C - Map of Local-Regional Breakdown (PDF)

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