

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

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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