



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: January 10, 2022
From: Josh White, Principal Planner
Item: Board Appointments

Purpose: Consent Agenda Item: Ratify Mayor Scott Rogers' appointments of Brandon Jellings, Kyle Lewis, and Tom Wheatley to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Background:

With the 2021 election results placing **Charles Jennings** on the City Commission tonight, the **Planning Commission** and **Board of Zoning Appeals** (BZA) are now up to three (3) vacancies each.

One vacancy occurred when member **Karla Gallegos** effectively resigned by not attending more than three (3) consecutive meetings and the second vacancy occurred when Planning Commission President **Andrew Paton** experienced a stroke that has unfortunately made him unable to finish out his current three-year (3) term.

With so many vacancies, it can become very difficult to have a quorum. A quorum of the Planning Commission is five (5), and with only six (6) current members, only one member can be absent for the board to still meet its quorum requirements. This problem is ever more apparent on the seven-member (7) BZA, which is missing three (3) members and needs all four (4) current members to attend in order to be able to have a meeting.

I feel that it is of the utmost importance that at least one (and preferably two) of these vacancies are filled prior to the **January 11** meeting of the Planning Commission. At this meeting, there is a scheduled public hearing for a rezoning request. Without a quorum, that public hearing will have to be delayed at least 30 days and the project behind it put on hold. If needed, the remaining vacancy(ies) could be filled at the **January 18** or **February 1** City Commission meetings, along with the next round of reappointments/term expirations.

The Planning Commission established a succession strategy for the position of President for the January 11 meeting at its December meeting by appointing **Ian Kuhn** as Vice President. Mr. Kuhn will assume the duties of President at the January 11 meeting.

After these vacancies are filled, a full reorganization of the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals can occur. The Planning Commission will also make a recommendation at the January meeting to appoint one of its members to the Historic Preservation Board to fill Commissioner Jennings' position on that board.

Mayor Rogers recommends appointing the following applicants to these terms on the Planning Commission/BZA:

Applicant Name	Replacing	Length of Term	Term Expires	Notes
Brandon Jellings	Charles Jennings	1 year remaining	February 1, 2023	Local builder/owner
Kyle Lewis	Andrew Paton	2 years remaining	February 1, 2024	Awaiting application
Tom Wheatley	Karla Gallegos	2 years remaining	February 1, 2024	Retired U.S. Army

Commission Options:

1. Approve with consent agenda.
2. Remove item from consent agenda for further consideration.

Attachments:

1. Board Vacancies
2. Brandon Jellings' Application
3. Tom Wheatley's Application

Approved for Agenda by:

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Randy Frazer, City Manager