



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: January 21, 2025
From: Tiffany Parsons, City Clerk
Item: City Board Appointment – Foss Farrar to VISIT Ark City Board

Purpose: Ratify Mayor Chad Beeson’s appointment of Foss Farrar to the VISIT Ark City Board of Trustees.

Background:

Foss Farrar, a retired journalist and long-time resident of Arkansas City for 22 years, has expressed interest in serving on the VISIT Ark City Board of Trustees. Farrar currently serves as the President of the Arkansas City Historical Society. His expertise and extensive knowledge of local history would bring valuable insights into the tourism-focused initiatives of the VISIT Ark City Board.

Farrar is deeply committed to the community and has been actively involved in various roles, including as a member of the Joe B. Avery Spirit Award Committee, a board member of the Cherokee Strip Land Rush Museum, and secretary of the Vincent de Paul Society.

In his application, Farrar highlighted his enthusiasm for promoting Ark City’s unique qualities to a wider audience and encouraging increased visitation from out-of-town guests.

The commission and Mayor Beeson recommend Foss Farrar for the VISIT Ark City Board of Trustees, and the VISIT Ark City Board has expressed its support for this nomination.

Commission Options:

1. Approve with consent agenda.
2. Remove from consent agenda to new business for further consideration.

Approved for Agenda by:

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Randy Frazer, City Manager