



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

AGENDA SECTION	WORK SESSION ITEMS
MEETING DATE	MAY 3, 2021

ITEM:	Other Board and Commission Discussion Items									
DEPARTMENT: Administration		BY/DATE: Nicole Tingley, 4/26/21								
CITY STRATEGY: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding a bold "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>										
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BACKGROUND:

The City Council has requested to discuss miscellaneous items related to boards and commissions. Information on each is included to spark discussion.

Increase Number of Members on Library Board and/or Park and Rec Commission

The Library Board currently has 5 members and the Park & Recreation Commission has 7 members. Below are the numbers for some other communities for these commissions. I chose communities with comparable populations and proximity (to the extent possible).

Library Board Member Numbers

Northfield- 9 members
Stillwater- 9 members
Austin- 9 members
Elk River- 5 members
Owatonna- 5 members

Park and Recreation Commission Member Numbers

Fridley- 5 members
Lino Lakes- 7 members
Golden Valley- 9 members
West St. Paul- 7 members
Shoreview- 9 members

Interview Questions

City Councilmembers requested to revisit the Board and Commission interview questions. One question in particular that was mentioned that should be changed was the question regarding the Comprehensive Plan for the Planning Commission. Additionally, it was mentioned that the question included for all boards and commissions regarding the issues and concerns in the next 5-20 years to be specific to the board or commission. These are included as track changes on the question sheets attached. Please provide feedback on these changes and let staff know of any other changes (if any).

Application

It was requested that one additional question be added to the application. It is "What unique perspective and life experience do you bring to a board/commission and the City?" The application with this new question included is attached. Please provide feedback on this change and any let staff know of other changes (if any).

Job Description for Members

The City Council requested job descriptions for each board and commission. Draft Job Descriptions are currently being reviewed by the staff liaisons and will be sent by email shortly before the work session and distributed at it. **These were added to the packet 5/3/21 prior to the work session.**

ATTACHMENTS

Board and Commission Interview Questions (with changes)

Board and Commission Application (with new question)