



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

Council Meeting Date: July 6, 2020

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider approval of the Appointment of six (6) individuals to the Economic Development Committee for terms ending June 1, 2022; and the appointment of a Chair to serve a term of one year.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

Summary/Background: The Economic Development Committee is a twelve-member advisory committee tasked with representing various citizen groups and their interests as part of the City Council's greater discussion of economic development, its design, and its direction. The Committee is responsible for organizing an inclusive process for assessing community needs and priorities and providing the City Council with guidance via a proposed economic strategic plan.

Members of the Economic Development Committee are nominated by staff for appointment by the City Council for a term of one-year. Staff encourages members of the community to submit applications for nomination, and seek to find individuals from various citizen groups, including but not limited to historic preservationists, planners, park supporters, the business community, school districts, media, nonprofits, county representatives and property owners.

Current Committee

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Citizen Group</i>
Kim Fernea, Chair	06/01/21	Business Community
Rex Baker	06/01/22	Business Community
Dave Edwards	06/01/21	Nonprofits
Melanie Fenelon	06/01/21	Business Community
Whit Hanks	06/01/21	Business Community
Susan Kimball	06/01/22	Business Community

John Kroll	06/01/22	Property Owner
Andrea Nichols	06/01/22	Nonprofits/Business Owner
Patrick Rose	06/01/22	Business Owner
Keenan Smith	06/01/21	Planner/Historic Preservation
VACANCY	06/01/22	
Jeff Nydegger, Advisory Member	NA	Planner
Robert Avera, Advisory Member	NA	Business Community

A notification of seat expiration was sent to each member in April, which also included the chair and staff liaison. All members with expiring seats have requested reappointment.

Public notice was sent for applications for appointment in April with a deadline for submission on May 31st. The following applications were received, and applicants were interviewed by Chair Kim Fernea. Applications will be marked private due to personal and confidential information therein.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Citizen Group</i>
Thomas Greene	Business Community
Michael Finn	Nonprofits
Robert Musgrove	Planner
Lee Sawyer	Business Community
Rebecca Atkins	Business Community
Arthur Gollwitzer	Park Supporters
Tiffany Duncan	DSISD

**Committee
Recommendations:**

Chair Fernea recommends the appointment of Kim Fernea, Dave Edwards, Melanie Fenelon, Whit Hanks, and Keenan Smith; and the appointment of Tiffany Duncan.

**Recommended
Council Actions:**

Currently the Committee is very business community heavy, which is to be expected for an Economic Development Committee; however, there is no representation with respect to park supporters, school districts or county

representatives. Staff would recommend the appointment of an individual from at least one of the aforementioned groups.

Attachments:

1. Applications for Appointment
2. Committee Chair Recommendation

Next Steps/Schedule:

1. Notify applicants of Council decision – welcome letters and denial letters
2. Update website and master roster
3. Notify commission of appointments and send updated roster
4. Send calendar invite to appointees