



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, June 13, 2022

Subject: Medina Parks and Recreation and Planning Commission Appointment Confirmations

Category: Consent

Staff Contact: Aimee Kellerman, CMC, City Clerk

Summary

PARK BOARD YOUTH ADVISOR

On May 17th, the Council Personnel Committee (Councilmembers Cynthia Adkins and Mac Johnston and Mayor Jessica Rossman), together with Park Board Chair Sarah Gray, met with applicants for the Park Board's Youth Advisor position, and now recommend appointment of Will Reeves.

Mr. Reeves demonstrated a lifelong passion for parks and life sciences, including interests in native species and the importance of parks in providing kids with fun and even magical experiences in nature. The committee appreciated the thorough and thoughtful application he submitted, and he came to the interview well prepared to discuss both Medina's parks and his own qualifications to serve on the Board. His application is attached for Council's review.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Two Planning Commission terms are expiring. The Council Personnel Committee recommends re-appointing the Commissioners currently serving in those positions, in accordance with the city's historical reappointment practices and for the additional reasons below.

Dr. Li-Tan Hsu was appointed by Council on March 14, 2022, to fill Planning Commission Position 3, which was vacated when Randy Reeves resigned to become a councilmember. Dr. Hsu has only recently completed her required city training and become eligible to assume her role as a Planning Commissioner.

Mr. Mark Nelson currently holds Planning Commission Position. He is well-qualified for that role, and it is appreciated that he comes to meetings prepared, engaging in and contributing to the Commission's work in a friendly and collaborative manner. Of all current city staff and volunteers, Mr. Nelson is the only one who has institutional knowledge of past work on Medina's Comprehensive Plan. Medina is about to begin the Comprehensive Plan process, which will require significant city resources and focus through 2024, so Personnel Committee believes that retaining institutional knowledge related to that process is important for the city.

Attachment

None.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: None.

Recommendation: Approve.

City Manager Approval:



Proposed Council Motion: "I move to approve the Medina Personnel Committee's recommendation as follows:

- a) Appoint Will Reeves to the Medina Parks and Recreation Board as the youth advisor;
- b) Reappoint Li-Tan Hsu to the Medina Planning Commission, Position No. 3; and
- c) Reappoint Mark Nelson to the Medina Planning Commission, Position No. 7."