



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, March 14, 2022

Subject: Confirmation of Appointment to the Medina Planning Commission

Category: Consent

Staff Contact: Jessica Rossman, Mayor

Summary

On March 3rd, Council Personnel Committee (Councilmember Mac Johnston and Mayor Jessica Rossman) and Planning Commission (Chair Laurel Preston and Vice Chair Shawn Schubring) interviewed three strong candidates for the vacancy of Planning Commission Position 3. The vacancy was created when Deputy Mayor Randy Reeves took office on the City Council.

The interview panel was provided with the MMC 2.28.010 regarding Planning Commission appointments, and Council Guidelines 3.5.2 regarding criteria for commission applicants.

The interview panel unanimously recommends Li-Tan Hsu for appointment to Planning Commission Position 3. The Mayor now asks Council to confirm that appointment, noting the following:

- Ms. Hsu has strong leadership experience in the Medina community, serving as PTA president at both the local elementary school and a local middle school.
- Ms. Hsu has experience with the Development Services Department, having built a house in Medina.
- Ms. Hsu is enthusiastic about the role and committed to attending meetings.
- Ms. Hsu is comfortable assisting with outreach during the Comprehensive Plan process. She believes in personal interactions, and in her PTA roles she has become very used to reaching out to people to understand their concerns. Her PTA experience has also built her a strong local network of people who may share their opinions with her.
- Ms. Hsu hopes to help the city be more inclusive of Mandarin-speaking residents, and also to help Mandarin-speaking residents better understand the city. She spoke in her interview about the importance of people understanding not only the city's rules, but also the purposes behind those regulations. She also described a Chinese cultural perspective on building code issues that is not currently included on Planning Commission.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Confirm appointment.

City Manager Approval: 

Proposed Council Motion: "I move to approve confirmation of the Medina Personnel Committee's recommendation."