

Montgomery City Council
AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 11, 2022	Budgeted Amount: N/A
Department: Admin	Prepared By: Dave McCorquodale

Subject

Consideration and possible action on appointment of Planning & Zoning Commission Places 2 and 4.

Recommendation

Motion to reappoint Bill Simpson to Place 2 and Merriam Walker to Place 4 on the Planning & Zoning Commission for a two-year term.

Discussion

As I have shared in previous communication with City Council, October is the end of Planning & Zoning Commissioner terms. Similar to City Council terms, they are staggered into even and odd years for two-year terms. Places 2 and 4 are up for reappointment this year. Bill Simpson and Merriam Walker are currently serving in these positions. Bill was appointed mid-term when a previous Commissioner moved out of the City, though he served for several consecutive terms in recent years. Merriam is completing her first term and has gained a wealth of knowledge over the past two years. Both Bill and Merriam are assets to the Commission.

My recommendation is that the City Council reappoint both Bill and Merriam, who have both stated their willingness to continue to serve. In recent years, we've opened up applications for appointment regardless of whether the sitting member of P&Z or MEDC wanted to continue to serve or not. Going back several years more, the City Council would reappoint someone who demonstrated a willingness to serve and was a valuable member. I acknowledge there are pros and cons to both schools of thought. In the current moment we are in, I believe that the reappointment of Bill and Merriam is the best thing for the City--the Planning & Zoning Commission has a lot of important work to do over the next year and that is going to be immeasurably easier with Commissioners who have the experience to forge ahead efficiently.

Approved By

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Interim City Administrator	Dave McCorquodale	Date: 10/07/2022