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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JOSHUA TETZLAFF, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: OPEN PARK BOARD SEAT
DATE: MAY 28, 2025

At the last City Council meeting, the City Council selected candidates for open board positions based on the boards that those candidates applied for. Through this process, each of the board had their open positions filled, except for the Park Board, who did not have any applicants for its one open seat.

In years past, when this happened, the City Council had the decision as to whether to offer an open seat to any of the candidates who weren't selected and if so, whether it wanted to re-interview those candidates for the open seat or if the previous interview was sufficient.

After the meeting, Brian Paulson, who was an applicant for the Planning Commission, reached out and said that he'd be interested in the open Park Board seat. With that information, the question is before the Council as to whether it would consider him as a candidate and whether it would like to re-interview Mr. Paulson for the open Park Board position.

With the sometimes difficulty in finding willing and able volunteers for City boards/commissions, I would recommend consider Mr. Paulson as a viable candidate. I would also recommend moving forward without a second interview because of the conversation for all boards centers around providing future guidance to the City Council in making decisions.

Recommendation

I recommend offering the open Park Board position to Brian Paulson.