



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: City Council
Meeting Date: December 16, 2024
From: Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Parks and Trails Advisory Board Appointments

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether to accept the interview panel's recommendations for appointments to the Parks and Trails Advisory Board.

PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE:

To appoint community members to serve on the Parks and Trails Advisory Board and support the board's mission of guiding the development and maintenance of parks, trails, and recreation opportunities within the City of Sandy.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

The Parks and Trails Advisory Board currently has three seats with terms ending on December 31, 2024. An application opportunity was advertised through the City's usual communication channels. The City received significant interest, with over 11 individuals applying for the positions. Of the 11 applicants, 8 were interviewed by an interview panel consisting of the following members:

- Councilor Laurie Smallwood, Council Liaison
- Councilor Lindy Hanely
- Councilor Kathleen Walker
- Don Robertson, Parks and Trails Advisory Board Chair

The recommended appointees demonstrated strong qualifications, diverse perspectives, and a shared commitment to enhancing the City's parks and trails.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

- Diversity and Expertise: The nominated candidates bring unique skills and experiences to the board.
- Community Engagement: All candidates expressed a clear understanding of and dedication to serving the community's needs.

- **Efficient Recruitment Process:** The high number of applications and interviews reflects strong community interest and confidence in the recruitment process.

RECOMMENDATION:

The interview panel recommends the appointment of Michael Archer, Ryan Aultman, and Clarissa Flores to the following board seats and terms:

- **Michael Archer** – Seat #1 (term: 01/01/25 – 12/31/2028)
- **Ryan Aultman** – Seat #2 (term: 01/01/25 – 12/31/2028)
- **Clarissa Flores** – Seat #3 (term: 01/01/25 – 12/31/2028)

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

“I move appoint Michael Archer, Ryan Aultman, and Clarissa Flores to the Parks and Trails Advisory Board, as recommended in the staff report.”

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

- Application forms