COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORT TYPE: Nominations Committee Report

MEETING: October 17, 2023

Present: Maddie Smith, Lonn Reisman, Bob Newby

Absent: Brandon Greenhaw

DEPARTMENT: Administration

STAFF CONTACT: Sarah Lockenour, City Secretary

DISCUSS AND APPROVE NOMINATIONS TO CITIZEN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

DISCUSSION: The committee met on October 17, 2023, to review applications for Citizen Boards and Commissions.

According to the ordinance establishing the Airport Advisory Board, two absences from meetings of the advisory board in a 12-month period shall be considered a voluntary resignation.

At this time, we will accept the voluntary resignation of Chris Williams from Place 7 of the Airport Advisory Board.

We have one nomination to fill Place 7 of the Airport Advisory Board. - Craig Parks

According to the ordinance establishing the Tourism and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board, three consecutive absences from meetings of the commission shall be considered a voluntary resignation.

At this time, we will accept the voluntary resignation of Phil Greer, Place 2; Austin Hubbard, Place 4; and Sonia Olvera, Place 7 from the Tourism and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board.

We have one nomination to fill Place 7 of the Tourism and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board. Kimberly Fornes

COMMITTEE ACTION:

MOTION by Maddie Smith, second by Lonn Reisman, to recommend to full council placing Craig Parks in Place 7 of the Airport Advisory Board vacated by Chris Williams. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

MOTION by Maddie Smith, second by Bob Newby, to recommend to full council accepting the voluntary resignation of Phil Greer, Austin Hubbard, and Sonia Olvera as discussed. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

MOTION by Maddie Smith, second by Bob Newby, to recommend to full council placing Kimberly Fornes in Place 7 of the Tourism and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board vacated by Sonia Olvera. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

DISCUSS STATUS OF PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND SENIOR CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD

DISCUSSION: The committee met on October 17, 2023, to discuss status of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Senior Citizens' Advisory Board.

There has been an ongoing issue with having a quorum for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. For the last 3 years most, meetings were not able to be held due to the lack of a quorum. This issue has made the staff of Parks and Leisure Services rethink having these two boards operate independently of each other.

With the Senior Center moving operations to the City Park, this created an opportunity to combine these two boards. This will give members the ability to speak into both parks and recreation and senior programs. We have many members of our Senior Center that have an interest in numerous other areas of Parks and Recreation.

There is also an issue with the number of applicants for these boards when an opening becomes available. There have been members of each board that would be happy to let a new person serve, but in many cases, there have not been any applicants. Combining these two boards and serving the interest of all programs under Parks and Leisure should provide for a more diverse pool of applicants.

Combing boards has been discussed and the Senior Center Advisory Board voted unanimously at the July 2023 meeting to combine the two boards. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board did not have a quorum to vote, the issue was discussed without any negative feedback.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

MOTION by Maddie Smith, second by Bob Newby, to recommend to full council an ordinance to repeal provisions outlined in Chapter 32, Sections 32.20 through 32.34 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Sections 32.50 through 32.64 Senior Citizens' Advisory Board of the Stephenville Code of Ordinances. MOTION CARRIED 2:1 with Lonn Reisman abstaining.

MOTION by Maddie Smith, second by Bob Newby, to recommend to full council an ordinance creating a new section of chapter 32 of the code of ordinances known as the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Board. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.