



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Board & Committee Appointments

Preferred Agenda: October 22, 2024

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Reviewed By: Jason Ogden, City Manager Pro Tem

Type of Action: Resolution Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: SHMC Chapter 2.10

Towards Council Goal: Be an Effective & Efficient Government

Attachments: N/A

Purpose of this RCA:

To make appointments to the Library Board, Community Health Committee, and Park & Tree Committee.

Background/Context:

There are several vacancies across multiple boards and committees. The Administration, Finance & Property Committee met on October 9, 2024 to review applicants and make appointment recommendations. The following appointments were recommended:

Library Board

- Jen Castaneda (term expiring 12/31/2027)

Community Health Committee

- Wanda Jones (term expiring 12/31/2026)

Park & Tree Committee

- Scott Swanson (term expiring 12/31/2025)

The Challenge/Problem:

The boards and committees of the City of Sweet Home serve an important role in reviewing information and concerns relevant to their charges and making recommendations to the City Council. Allowing vacancies to stand leads to inefficiencies in this recommendation process and does not allow engaged citizens the opportunity to serve in this advisory capacity for the benefit of the community.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

There are no issues or financial impacts identified as a result of these appointments.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

Timely approval of qualified board and committee applicants.

Options:

1. Do nothing: The vacancies will remain and board and committee operations will be impacted.
2. Direct staff to solicit additional applicants.
3. Approve a portion of the recommended applicants.
4. Approve all the recommended applicants: Move to approve the applicants as proposed.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 4 – move to approve the applicants as proposed.