



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Appointments and Reappointment to Boards & Committees

Preferred Agenda: February 13, 2024

Submitted By: Cecily Hope Pretty, Administrative Services Director

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Type of Action: Resolution ___ Motion X Roll Call ___ Other ___

Relevant Code/Policy: SHMC Chapter 2.10

Towards Council Goal: Infrastructure, be an effective and efficient government, rejuvenate essential services, economic strength, image building

Attachments: N/A

Purpose of this RCA:

To make appointments to the Library Board, Community Health Committee, and Public & Traffic Safety Committee; and to make a reappointment to the Park & Tree Committee.

Background/Context:

There are several vacancies across multiple boards and committees, including the newly codified Community Health Committee. The Administration, Finance & Property Committee met on February 7, 2024 to review applicants and make appointment recommendations. The following appointments are recommended by same:

Library Board (for the remainder of unexpired terms)

- James Corley
- Caryn Wise

Community Health Committee (for terms to be determined in accordance with SHMC Chapter 2.10)

- Bob Dalton
- Michael Grenz
- Dr. Larry Horton
- Dick Knowles
- Shirley Schumacher
- Nick Tyler
- Kelsey Ann Wray

Traffic & Public Safety Committee (for the remainder of unexpired terms)

- Erin Barstad
- Joe Graybill
- Mykal Hildebrand (alternate)

Additionally, Debra Northern serves on the Park & Tree Committee whose term expired on December 31, 2023 and she has been operating in holdover status. She is recommended by staff for reappointment for a term to expire December 31, 2027.

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.

Stakeholders:

- Staff – Staff benefits from full committees that provide recommendations consistent with law.
- Council – Sweet Home City Council will receive informed recommendations from relevant committees to guide their decision-making process.
- Residents – Residents and taxpayers benefit from efficient and informed committee processes and have an additional forum for input outside of City Council meetings.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

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

Elements of a Stable Solution:

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Options:

1. Option #1 – Do Nothing. The vacancies will remain and board and committee operations will be impacted.
2. Option #2 – Direct staff to solicit additional applicants.
3. Option #3 – Make a Motion to appoint and reappoint the recommended individuals to the Library Board, Community Health Committee, Public & Traffic Safety Committee, and Park & Tree Committee.
4. Option #4 – Make a Motion to approve only a portion of the recommended applicants.

Recommendation:

1. Option #3 – Make a Motion to appoint and reappoint the recommended individuals to the Library Board, Community Health Committee, Public & Traffic Safety Committee, and Park & Tree Committee.