



# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Title:** Request for Council Action – Committee & Commission Appointments & Reappointments

**Preferred Agenda:** March 10, 2026

**Submitted By:** Cecily Hope Pretty, Deputy City Manager

**Reviewed By:** Jason Ogden, City Manager / Police Chief

**Type of Action:** Resolution  Motion  Roll Call  Other

**Relevant Code/Policy:** SHMC Chapter 2.10, Chapter 2.20

**Towards Council Goal:** Be an Effective & Efficient Government

**Attachments:** N/A

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**Purpose of this RCA:**

To make appointments and reappointments to the Park & Tree Committee and Planning Commission.

**Background/Context:**

Two members of the Park & Tree Committee held terms that expired December 31, 2025 (Scott Swanson) and February 22, 2026 (Melanie Jones). They have been operating in holdover status since that time. Both members expressed their interest in continuing to serve. There is also one full vacancy open to an at-large candidate with a term to expire December 31, 2029. The Administration, Finance & Property Committee met on February 23, 2026 to consider additional applicants. The Committee recommends the following:

- Reappointment of Scott Swanson (City Limits), term expiring 12/31/2029
- Reappointment of Melanie Jones (City Limits), term expiring 12/31/2029
- Appointment of Deena Bechtel (City Limits), term expiring 12/31/2029

One member of the Planning Commission held a term that expired December 31, 2025 (Jamie Melcher). There is also one vacancy open to an at-large candidate with a term to expire December 31, 2028. The Administration, Finance & Property Committee met on February 23, 2026 to consider additional applicants. The Committee recommends the following:

- Reappointment of Jamie Melcher (City Limits), term expiring 12/31/2029
- Appointment of Daniel Tiel (At Large), term expiring 12/31/2028

**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. Not filling available seats 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 this appointment.

**Elements of a Stable Solution:**

Timely approval of qualified applicants.

**Options:**

1. Do nothing: Members will continue to operate in holdover status until they step down or are reappointed. Vacancies will remain.
2. Direct staff to solicit additional applicants.
3. Approve the recommended applicants: Move to appoint and reappoint the applicants as proposed.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends option 3: Move to appoint and reappoint the applicants as recommended.