

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

DATE ACTION REQUESTED: November 17, 2014

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SUBJECT: Multiple Committee Appointments

Contact Person (Preparer) for this
Motion: Mayor Bob Andrews/Sue Ryan
Dept.: Administration

RECOMMENDATION:

To consent to the Mayor's appointment of the Committee members as listed in the Executive Summary.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Public notice of these vacancies was posted in City buildings, at local businesses, published in the local paper and radio station, posted on the City's website and sent out electronically to several local e-mail listservs.

Affordable Housing:

The Affordable Housing Commission is a three member commission with one position open with a term that will expire December 31, 2017. Its mission is to review applications for Newberg Affordable Housing Trust Funds. There were two applicants.

The Mayor recommends:

1) Reappointment of Steve Comfort to the Affordable Housing Commission for a term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Mr. Comfort is a 40-year resident of the community and works at SP Fiber. He has served on the Affordable Housing Commission as well as the Newberg Affordable Housing Trust Fund Commission. He has been a volunteer for more than 11 years for the Newberg Fire Department. His interest in serving on the commission is to make sure money goes to improve neighborhoods by giving someone pride in owning a home. He wants the commission to be a step in making low income areas more livable.

Budget:

The Newberg Budget Committee is a seven member committee that has two positions with terms expiring December 31, 2017. Its mission is to ensure a balanced budget, which makes our City government viable. There were three applicants.

The Mayor recommends:

1) Reappointment of Jack Reardon to the Budget Committee for a term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Mr. Reardon is a nine-year resident of the community, is a retired property manager at Washington Square. He has served on the budget committee since 2006. His interest in serving on the committee is to contribute to the community in a productive way by using his extensive background in business budgeting.

2) Reappointment of Lon Wall to the Budget Committee for a term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Mr. Wall is a 35-year resident of the community and owns Corvair Underground. He has served on the Planning Commission, Citizen Rate Review and Downtown Committee. He has served on the budget committee since 2006. His interest in serving on the committee is to continue helping with this challenging process.

Citizens Rate Review:

The Newberg Citizens' Rate Review Committee is a seven-member committee that has three positions open, one due to the election of a member to Council. One term will expire June 30, 2016 and two terms will expire June 30, 2017. Its mission is to review Newberg's utility rates and ensure a balanced budget, which makes our City government viable. There were four applicants.

The Mayor recommends:

1) Appointment of Bill Rourke to the Citizens Rate Review Committee for a term from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Mr. Rourke is a 49-year resident of the community and is a retired clinical microbiologist. His background includes managing a large component of the OHSU and Providence Health and Services laboratory for more than 40 years including working closely with budgets as well as setting fees for provided services. He also serves on the Board of Directors at Friendsview Retirement Community for over 30 years including 3 years as Chair. He is also actively involved with his churches finance committee.

His interest in serving on the committee is to help the City in moving toward a sustainable funding base. He feels the recent changes made by the CRRC and the City Council with regard to the review and adjustment in fees for water and sewer services is healthy and a good change from the past. He respects the citizens' right to question the fees charged but would work hard to communicate the long-term need to maintain these critical services.

2) Appointment of Marilynn Van Grunsven to the Citizens Rate Review Committee for a term from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017. Ms. Van Grunsven is the co-owner of the Newberg Luckee Dutch Bakery. She is a 36-year resident of the community. Her background includes serving as the former Treasury analyst of two billion-dollar industries (Textronix Inc. and Holiday Retirement Co.). She is a former facilities project manager for Textronix Inc. She leased and sold commercial real estate for Tektronix. She is a graduate of the Portland State University Business Administration program. Her interest in serving on a City committee is to use her formal education in business and applied education from her job experiences to help benefit the community.

3) Appointment of Sarah Grider to the Citizens Rate Review Committee for a term from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017. Ms. Grider is a communications student at Marylhurst University and is a 6-year resident of the community. Her background includes experiences with budget and grant administration, planning and coordination of retention programs and organizing groups and communities. She is the PTO Volunteer Coordinator at Joan Austin Elementary School and a volunteer at Mountain View Middle School.

Her interest in serving on a City committee is to represent neighbors who are unable to serve, bring creative solutions to the table and plan ahead so that children have a stable city to live in. She wishes to increase communication about city matters with working families and those not associated with the business community, to get the city budget on track, fund raise and use grant funds for more for projects, consider setting up a foundation so the city can do more community outreach without going over budget.

Historic Preservation:

The Historic Preservation Commission is a six-member commission including a non-voting student member. There are two positions open, one due to a resignation. One term will expire December 31, 2015; the second term will expire December 31, 2017. Its mission is to identify, recognize, and preserve significant properties relating to the community's history, encourage the rehabilitation and ongoing viability of historic buildings and structures, strengthen public support for historic preservation efforts within the community, foster civic pride and encourage cultural heritage tourism. There was one applicant.

The Mayor recommends:

1) Reappointment of Rick Fieldhouse to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Mr. Fieldhouse is a current member of the committee and serves as its chairman. He is a Project Manager for the Newberg Downtown Coalition and a 16-year resident of the community. He is a graduate of George Fox University and holds a Bachelor's degree in History and a Master's degree in Business Administration. He serves as the secretary for the Newberg Historical Society, serves on the board of directors for the Yamhill County Historical Society and is the volunteer curator of the George Fox University museum collection.

His interest in serving on the Committee is because of his love for the town and its past. He traces his family history in Newberg back for five generations and many of its historic homes, commercial buildings and public spaces hold personal significance for him. He believes that Newberg has a unique culture evident in its buildings and citizens

and wants to help the town move forward in preserving the past while acting within the resources available. He believes that by being careful stewards of the historic resources that the Committee can increase the overall quality of life in Newberg, which will attract people who want to live, work and play here.

Planning:

The Newberg Planning Commission is an eight member committee that has one position designated as a non-voting student member. There are two positions open with terms ending December 31, 2017. The Planning Commission hears requests for annexations, comprehensive plan changes, zone changes, conditional use permits, appeals, and other land use applications. Its duties are to hold hearings, make findings, and typically present its recommendation to the Newberg City Council. For some types of applications the Planning Commission makes the final decision. There were four applicants and one student applicant.

The Mayor recommends:

1) Reappointment of Philip Smith to the Planning Commission for a term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Mr. Smith is a college professor at George Fox University. He has been a member of the Planning Commission since 2002. He has received training as a mediator. He has also served as chairman of the Affordable Housing Task Force. His interest in serving on the commission is to complete projects, such as the Urban Growth Boundary Task Force, that he has been working on. He would also like to use the window of opportunity given by the Bypass construction to improve downtown and expand the Urban Growth Boundary for industry. He states he can listen fairly and present rational arguments for policy decisions.

2) Reappointment of Cathy Stuhr to the Planning Commission for a term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Ms. Stuhr is a business owner and a 12-year resident of the area. She has served on the Planning Commission since 2005. She has an extensive past history on a wide variety of city advisory bodies. Her interest is to continue support to the City as she has in the past. She enjoys helping make the City a great place to grow. She sees one big issue as land supply because of its big impact on economic vitality.

Traffic Safety:

The Newberg Traffic Safety Commission is a nine member committee with one student commissioner position. There are five positions open including one student commissioner. One term is open due to a resignation and ends December 31, 2016. Three terms end December 31, 2017. The student commissioner position ends June 30, 2015. The Traffic Safety Commission provides a valuable service to the City of Newberg by promoting traffic safety through investigation, study and analysis of traffic safety programs; conducting educational efforts among the public in the matters of public safety; considering all traffic safety programs which are referred to them for recommendation by the City Council and making reports to the City Council on matters of traffic safety and traffic safety programs. The Traffic Safety Commission makes decisions regarding parking, crosswalks, safety zones, traffic lanes, truck routes and all manner of traffic control devices within the community. There were four applicants.

The Mayor recommends:

1) Reappointment of Neil Klein to the Traffic Safety Commission for a term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Mr. Klein is a Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic with Lake Oswego Fire. He has served on the Traffic Safety Commission since 2009 and currently serves as the Chairman. He is a member of the Mayor's Cabinet and has volunteered with the Newberg Fire Department for 15 years. His interest in serving on the commission is to continue to make improvements to the City of Newberg and continue to learn about City government. He would like to see continued improvement between departments/commissions and the public.

2) Reappointment of Tony Roos to the Traffic Safety Commission for a term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Mr. Roos is a civil engineer focused on transportation and 15-year resident of the community. He has served on the commission since 2013 and also serves on the Oregon Chapter of APWA. His interest in serving the city is to continue work to improve the safety of Newberg's streets. He uses a broad perspective of transportation solutions from around the state and country to his role as a commissioner.

3) Reappointment of Kari Lawson to the Traffic Safety Commission for a term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Ms. Lawson is an accounting cashier and has served on the commission since 2012. She is involved with her church and is currently training for Yamhill County CERT. Her interest in serving on the commission is to continue to make a difference by educating herself and others about traffic safety issues in Newberg and implementing needed changes. She would also like to educate citizens as to how and why these decisions are made. She is interested in seeing the City involve and educate more citizens such as through open houses to discuss topics of interest to citizens, greater media and especially social media presence to increase awareness of meetings and announcements.

4) Appointment of Jeff Grider to the Traffic Safety Commission for a term from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016. Mr. Grider is a public safety officer at Portland Community College. He serves as an assistant scoutmaster with Troop 520 in Newberg, has served on several project management teams, a special event committee at PCC Sylvania and is Vice President at large of AFT Oregon. His interest in serving on the commission is to contribute his time and energy as well as his desire and willingness to learn new things. When he becomes involved or interested in a new concept, project or idea, he researches and learns from experts and others in order to make processes more efficient and effective. He is interested in seeing the City respond to citizens' complaints about the water bill whether it is the system at fault or a lack of communication.

5) Appointment of Meghan Seifert to the Traffic Safety Commission as a student commissioner for a term from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Ms. Seifert is a high school student and involved with Rotary International. She is interested in serving on a City commission because she has great interest in the wellbeing of society and would love to actively participate in making the community's needs a priority. She would like to gather with people with similar interests to potentially make the community better. She would also like to be a voice for her peers and assist in the planning of events for her community. Ms. Seifert lived in India for eight months, is enrolled in a legal systems class and has extensive community service experience. She is interested in seeing more unity and communication between the city government and those being governed. She feels she could bring a global and cultural perspective to the activities at hand.