

## MEMO

**DATE:** December 1, 2020  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Subcommittee on Commissions (Dan Carson, Gloria Partida)  
**RE:** Appointments to Advisory Commissions

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### **Recommendation**

Appoint members to the following commissions:

- Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission
- Historical Resources Management Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Natural Resources Commission
- Open Space and Habitat Commission
- Police Accountability Commission
- Planning Commission
- Senior Citizen Commission
- Social Services Commission
- Tree Commission
- Utilities Commission
- Unitrans Advisory Committee

### **Commission Appointments**

The Council Subcommittee on Commissions is tasked with helping to facilitate the applicant selection process. Staff and the Subcommittee made a concerted effort to conduct outreach and recruit applicants that represent the diverse nature of our community. The Subcommittee conducted interviews with all new applicants and reviewed applications from previous recruitments and currently serving commissioners requesting reappointment.

The Subcommittee is providing recommendations for appointment to twelve Commissions with either biennial or mid-term vacancies. These recommendations take into consideration the current makeup of commissions. Current commissioners that have reached the general term limit of eight successive years may seek re-appointment based on exceptional circumstance, which may include special expertise or the need to preserve continuity on the board and commission. Ultimately, commissioners serve at the will of the City Council.

Every effort has been made so that commission membership will include under represented groups and consist of people of all ages, genders, ethnicities, racial backgrounds, sexual orientation, economic status, religions/faiths, as well as represent university student interests. The Council Subcommittee's recommendations are as follows:

Bicycling, Transportation, and Street Safety Commission (4 Regular, 1 Alternate)

Applicants: 4 current members seeking reappointment, 1 on-file applicant from a previous recruitment, and 8 new applicants. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicants (in alphabetical order):

- Bolte, William “Joe” (*Current BTSSC member*)
- Brown, Austin
- Csontos, Timothy (*Current BTSSC member*)
- Ostrom, John (*Alternate Position*)
- Soule, David (*Current BTSSC member*)

Historical Resources Management Commission (4 Regular, 1 Alternate)

Applicants: 4 current members seeking reappointment, 1 new applicant. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicants (in alphabetical order):

- Lowry, W. Allen (*Current HRMC member, termed out*)
- Laleh, Arianna (*Alternate Position*)
- Montgomery, Erin (*Current HRMC member*)
- Van Meter, Michelle (*Current HRMC member*)
- Wan, Ning (*Current HRMC member*)

Human Relations Commission (1 Regular, 1 Alternate)

Applicants: 6 new applicants. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicants (in alphabetical order):

- Mvondo, NJ
- Wong-Chen, Edgar (*Alternate Position*)

Natural Resources Commission (4 Regular, 1 Alternate)

Applicant: 2 current members seeking reappointment, 9 new applicants. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicant:

- Byars, Michelle
- Johnston, John (*Current Natural Resources Commissioner*)
- Rost, Thomas
- Slattery, Margaret (*Alternate Position*)
- Tusso, Keara

Open Space and Habitat Commission (5 Regular, 1 Alternate)

Applicants: 1 current member seeking reappointment, 5 new applicants. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicants (in alphabetical order):

- Cabanillas-Ledesma, Ramiro
- Correa, Lindsay
- Huber, Patrick (*Current Open Space & Habitat Commissioner, termed out*)
- McFarland, Sherman
- Price, Patricia (*Alternate Position*)
- Torbert, Emma

Police Accountability Commission (4 Regular, 1 Alternate)

Applicants: 3 current members seeking reappointment, 9 new applicants. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicants (in alphabetical order):

- Alarcon, Ignacio (*Alternate Position*)
- Bliss, Mary (*Current Police Accountability Commissioner*)
- Canning, Robert
- Escamilla-Greenwald, Cecilia (*Current Police Accountability Commissioner*)
- Horton, Dillan (*Current Police Accountability Commissioner*)

Planning Commission (3 Regular, 1 Alternate)

Applicants: 3 current members seeking reappointment, 8 new applicants. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicants (in alphabetical order):

- Mikesell, Stephen (*Current Planning Commissioner*)
- Rutherford, Darryl (*Current Planning Commissioner*)
- Shandy, Emily (*Current Planning Commissioner*)
- Weiss, Michelle (*Alternate Position*)

Senior Citizen Commission (1 Regular, 1 Alternate)

Applicants: 4 new applicants. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicants (in alphabetical order):

- Buddenhagen, Leilani (*Alternate Position*)
- Higgins, Jeremy

Social Services Commission (1 Alternate)

Applicants: 7 new applicants. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicants (in alphabetical order):

- Fulp-Cooke, Rachael (*Alternate Position*)

Tree Commission (2 Regular, 1 Alternate)

Applicants: 5 new applicants. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicants (in alphabetical order):

- Collier, Kenneth (*Alternate Position*)
- Cramer, Jim
- Reuter, John

Utilities Commission (3 Regular, 1 Alternate)

Applicants: 3 current members seeking reappointment, 3 new applicants. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicant:

- Braun, Gerald (*Current Utilities Commissioner*)
- Cullen, Andrew (*Alternate Position*)
- Gellen, Steve
- Roberts-Musser, Elaine (*Current Utilities Commissioner*)

Unitrans Advisory Committee (3 Regular)

Applicants: 2 current members seeking reappointment, 1 new applicant. The Subcommittee recommends the following applicant:

- Allen, Sheila (*Current Unitrans Advisory Committee member*)
- Prater-Fahey, Ethan
- Reyes, Frank (*Current Unitrans Advisory Committee member*)

**Attachments**

1. Voting Charts
2. Applications (not available online)

Bicycling, Transportation & Street Safety Commission		5 VACANCIES			4 Regular (term end 12/31/2024)				1 Alternate (term end 12/31/2022)
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT	
Bolte, William "Joe"	Current BTSC Member (Alt)								
Brover, Adam	BTSSC								
Brown, Austin	BTSSC, NRC								
Byars, Michelle	BTSSC, NRC, UAC								
Csontos, Timothy	Current BTSC Member								
Cullen, Andrew	BTSSC, HRC, NRC, PAC, SSC, UC								
Edelman, Todd	Current BTSC Member								
Kaepelin, Francois	BTSSC								
Kovachev, Krasen	BTSSC								
Ostrom, John	BTSSC								
Price, Patricia	BTSSC, OSHC								
Soule, David	Current BTSC Member								
Wong-Chen, Edgar	BTSSC, HRC								

Historical Resources Management Commission		5 VACANCIES			4 Regular (term end 12/31/2024)				1 Alternate (term end 12/31/2022)
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT	
Laleh, Arianna	HRMC								
Lowry, W. Allen	Current HRMC Member								
Montgomery, Erin	Current HRMC Member								
Van Meter, Michelle	Current HRMC Member								
Wan, Ning	Current HRMC Member (Alt)								

Human Relations Commission		2 VACANCIES			1 Regular (term end 6/30/2023)				1 Alternate (term end 6/30/2021)
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT	
Alarcon, Ignacio	HRC, PAC								
Cullen, Andrew	BTSSC, HRC, NRC, PAC, SSC, UC								
Gorman, Connor	HRC, PAC, PC, SSC								
Mvondo, NJ	HRC, PAC								
Varney, Jordan	HRC, SSC								
Wong-Chen, Edgar	BTSSC, HRC								

Natural Resources Commission		5 VACANCIES			4 Regular (term end 12/31/2024)				1 Alternate (term end 12/31/2022)
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT	
Brown, Austin	BTSSC, NRC								
Byars, Michelle	BTSSC, NRC, UAC								
Cabanillas-Ledesma, Ramiro	NRC, OSHC								
Cullen, Andrew	BTSSC, HRC, NRC, PAC, SSC, UC								
Fortune, Kelsey	PC, NRC, UC								
Johnston, John	Current NRC Member								
McFarland, Sherman	NRC, OSHC								
Pryor, Alan	Current NRC Member								
Rost, Thomas	NRC, SCC, TC								
Slattery, Margaret	NRC, UC								
Tuso, Keara	NRC, OSHC, PC, TC								



Open Space and Habitat Commission		6 VACANCIES		5 Regular - 4 Regular (term end 12/31/2024)		1 Regular (term end 12/31/2022)		1 Alternate (term end 12/31/2022)	
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT	
Cabanillas-Ledesma, Ramiro	NRC, OSHC								
Correa, Lindsay	OSHC								
Huber, Patrick	Current OSHC Member								
McFarland, Sherman	NRC, OSHC								
Price, Patricia	BTSSC, OSHC								
Torbert, Emma	OSHC								
Tuso, Keara	NRC, OSHC, PC, TC								

Police Accountability Commission		5 VACANCIES			4 Regular (term end 12/31/2024)				1 Alternate (term end 12/31/2022)
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT	
Alarcon, Ignacio	HRC, PAC								
Bliss, Mary	Current PAC Member								
Canning, Robert	PAC								
Cullen, Andrew	BTSSC, HRC, NRC, PAC, SSC, UC								
Escamilla-Greenwald, Cecilia	Current PAC Member								
Gorman, Connor	HRC, PAC, PC, SSC								
Horton, Dillan	Current PAC Member								
Jones, Abram	Current PAC Member								
Mvondo, NJ	HRC, PAC								
Poindexter, Morgan	PAC								
Prater-Fahey, Ethan	PAC, UAC								
Torres, Lupita	PAC								
Wan, Ning	Current HRMC Member								

Planning Commission		4 VACANCIES			3 Regular (term end 12/31/2024)				1 Alternate (term end 12/31/2022)
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT	
Fortune, Kelsey	PC, NRC, UC								
Gellen, Steve	PC, UC								
Gorman, Connor	HRC, PAC, PC, SSC								
Hofmann, Rob	PC								
Lowry, W. Allen	Current HRMC Member								
Mikesell, Stephen	Current PC Member								
Rutherford, Darryl	Current PC Member								
Shandy, Emily	Current PC Member (Alt)								
Tuso, Keara	NRC, OSHC, PC, TC								
Wan, Ning	Current HRMC Member								
Weiss, Michelle	Current FBC Member								

Senior Citizen Commission		2 VACANCIES			1 Regular (term end 6/30/2021)				1 Alternate (term end 6/30/2021)
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT	
Buddenhagen, Leilani	SCC								
Gelber, Eric	SCC								
Higgins, Jeremy	SCC								
Rost, Thomas	NRC, SCC, TC								

Social Services Commission		1 VACANCY		1 Alternate (term end 6/30/2021)				
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT
Cullen, Andrew	BTSSC, HRC, NRC, PAC, SSC, UC							
Fulp-Cooke, Rachael	SSC							
Gorman, Connor	HRC, PAC, PC, SSC							
Mattis, Karen	SSC							
Shaw-Battista, Jenna	SSC							
Varney, Jordan	HRC, SSC							
Wong-Chen, Judy	SSC							

Tree Commission		3 VACANCIES							2 Regular - 1 Regular (term end 6/30/2021) & 1 Regular (term end 6/30/2023) 1 Alternate (term end 6/30/2021)	
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT		
Collier, Kenneth	TC									
Cramer, Jim	TC									
Rost, Thomas	NRC, SCC, TC									
Reuter, John	TC									
Tuso, Keara	NRC, OSHC, PC, TC									

Utilities Commission		4 VACANCIES			3 Regular (term end 12/31/2024)				1 Alternate (term end 12/31/2022)
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT	
Braun, Gerald	Current UC Member								
Cullen, Andrew	BTSSC, HRC, NRC, PAC, SSC, UC								
Fortune, Kelsey	PC, NRC, UC								
Gellen, Steve	PC, UC								
Roberts-Musser, Elaine	Current UC Member								
Slattery, Margaret	NRC, UC								
Williams, Matt	Current UC Member								

Unitrans Advisory Committee		3 VACANCIES							3 Regular (term end 12/31/2024)	
APPLICANTS	COMMENTS	WA	DC	LF	BL	GP	TOTAL	APPT		
Allen, Sheila	Current UAC Member									
Byars, Michelle	BTSSC, NRC, UAC									
Prater-Fahey, Ethan	PAC, UAC									
Reyes, Frank	Current UAC Member									