

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Appointment of Youth Members to Shoreline Library Board
DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
PRESENTED BY: Lynn M. Cheeney, Recreation Superintendent
ACTION: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☒ Motion ☐ Discussion

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

In June 2010, the Council approved Ordinance No. 579 that added two youth members to the Shoreline Library Board. This is the first appointment of youth members since the adoption of Ordinance No. 579. Applications for these positions have been reviewed and staff recommends that Laura Delaney and Eliza Knowles be appointed as youth members of the Shoreline Library Board.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact as a result of this appointment.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council appoint Laura Delaney and Eliza Knowles to the Shoreline Library Board youth positions effective July 7, 2011 through March 31, 2014.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney ____

ATTACHMENTS:

A. Library Board Applications from Laura Delaney and Eliza Knowles

INTRODUCTION

In June 2010, the Council approved Ordinance No. 579 that added two youth members to the Shoreline Library Board. This will be the first time that youth members have been appointed to the board since the ordinance was approved last year. Applications for these positions have been reviewed and staff recommends that Laura Delaney and Eliza Knowles be appointed as youth members of the Shoreline Library Board effective July 7, 2011 through March 31, 2014.

BACKGROUND

The Shoreline Library Board, whose members are appointed by the City Council, was created in 1995 to provide input to the King County Library System (KCLS) on issues facing either of the Shoreline libraries. The Board also serves as a liaison between the KCLS and the citizens of Shoreline in promoting library programs and policies. As an advisory group, the Board's responsibilities include making recommendations to KCLS regarding issues of library utilization, enforcement of rules and regulations, and improvements to Shoreline's library collections, library services and library facilities.

In June 2010, the Council approved Ordinance No. 579 that added two youth positions to the Shoreline Library Board. The youth are not voting members, but do provide input and participate in monthly Library Board meetings. Applications for these positions were advertised at both libraries, on the City web site, at the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center and through the Shoreline Youth Ambassadors and the Rec' ing Crew. The City received two applications for the youth positions. On May 27, 2011, staff sent copies of the applications to the Council recommending that the students be appointed and asked for Council comments by June 3 if there were concerns or questions. Council did not submit any comments.

Laura Delany is a sophomore at Shorewood High School and lives in the Parkwood Neighborhood. She is interested in serving on the board in order to expand her understanding of the library system and its interaction with the community. Eliza Knowles lives in the North City Neighborhood and is a sophomore at Shorecrest High School. An avid book reader, Eliza would like to give back to her community as an expression of her gratitude for all that she has received from her local library.

If appointed, the two new youth members will begin their terms on July 7, 2011 and continue until March 31, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council appoint Laura Delaney and Eliza Knowles to Shoreline Library Board youth positions effective July 7, 2011 through March 31, 2014.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATION

*For youth membership on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board
and Shoreline Library Board*

There are currently two non-voting, youth positions now open on both the **Parks Recreation and Cultural Services Board** and **Shoreline Library Board**. These positions must be filled by youth ages 15-19 years. The youth of our community are users of libraries, parks, trails and recreational programs and their representation should be encouraged and assured.

If you are a youth interested in serving your community and gaining experience with a city board, please provide answers to the questions below. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on **March 15, 2011**. Additional details are available at the end of this application, or you may direct other questions to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department by e-mail to pkcs@shorelinewa.gov or by calling (206) 801-2630.

Name: Yliza Knowles

Which Board are you applying for? (check one) ☐ Park Board ☒ Library Board

Duration of residency, employment and/or education in Shoreline? 4 years

Neighborhood: Brookside Neighborhood

What school do you attend? Shorecrest High School

What is your educational background? Public School education through grade 10.

What is your intended future course of study?

I intend to attend a Four Year college after high school and continue with education until I reach a professional degree.

Are you an official representative of another group? If so, please list the group(s).

NO, I am not an official representative
of any other group.

Describe your involvement in the Shoreline Community. I do lots of things
in the shoreline community! I am a school goer,
and a library user and a beach attender
and a winner. I interact with the people in my
neighborhood. I care a lot about this community!

Have you ever served on a committee? If so, describe your experience.

Yes I have, and I currently serve on one as
well. The committee is for my youth group
and we meet and plan activities and events for
our churches youth. It is a great opportunity!

Describe why you are interested in serving in this position.

I would love to serve in this position because
I love to serve. Community service is required at
Shorecrest, but I have grown to love it! This is
a way I could use service to help give back to my
community and particularly the library. I am an
avid book reader, and the library has been so helpful.

Describe any special expertise you have which is applicable for this Board.

I can't say that I have any official training,
but I can say that I am very organized and
responsible, and I have probably read a mass
percentage of the books at the Shoreline Library!

Appointment to this committee requires consistent attendance at regularly scheduled meetings. Park Board meetings occur on the 4th Thursday of every month. Library Board meetings occur on the 1st Thursday of odd-numbered months. Are you available for evening meetings?

(circle one) Yes No

Please complete the Applicant's Personal Information on the following page.

Please return this application by **5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2011** to:

Shoreline City Clerk's Office
City of Shoreline
17500 Midvale Avenue North
Shoreline, WA 98133

Disclosure Notice: Please note that your responses to the application questions may be disclosed to the public under Washington State.

If you have questions about the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board or the process, please e-mail pkcs@shorelinewa.gov or call (206) 801-2630.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Volunteers play a vital role in the Shoreline government. We appreciate your interest.



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Name: Laura Delaney

Which Board are you applying for? (check one) ☐ Park Board ☒ Library Board

Duration of residency, employment and/or education in Shoreline? 15 years

Neighborhood: Parkwood

What school do you attend? Shorewood HS

What is your educational background? HS sophomore

What is your intended future course of study?

I am currently interested in Library Sciences, especially
in regards to children's literature or school librarianship,

Are you an official representative of another group? If so, please list the group(s).

No

Describe your involvement in the Shoreline Community. I have volunteered at the Shoreline Math Olympiad for the past two years. I have also helped sort food for food drives.

Have you ever served on a committee? If so, describe your experience.

No

Describe why you are interested in serving in this position.

I am interested in learning more about how libraries work, and about how cities interact with their libraries.

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