

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Appointment of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services / Tree Board Members
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department
PRESENTED BY:	Dick Deal, PRCS Director

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

On March 31 the terms of four Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board members expired. The regular members whose terms expired include William Clements, Carolyn Ballo, Boni Biery and Jesse Sycuro. In addition, a position was vacated in December, 2012 by Joe Neiford when he moved out of state and that Board position has remained unfilled.

On February 12, 2007 the City Council approved Ordinance No. 458 that amended the term limits for PRCS Board members, allowing members to serve up to three consecutive 4-year terms. Boni Biery and Jesse Sycuro have each completed one 4-year term and are eligible for, and have applied for, re-appointment. William Clements and Carolyn Ballo have completed three consecutive 4-year terms, making them no longer eligible to serve on the Board.

In June 2010, Ordinance No. 580 was passed which reduced the number of adult positions on the Board from nine to seven, effective March 31, 2011. This change makes the adult Board membership consistent with the Planning Commission's membership.

As a result of the four terms that expire March 31, 2013 and the position that has been vacant since January, 2013, there are five positions to fill at this time.

The City advertised the vacancies in *Currents* and subsequently received applications from 23 residents. A City Council Subcommittee comprised of Councilmembers McConnell, Roberts and Winstead were appointed by the Mayor to review qualifications and interview candidates. The City Council Subcommittee selected 12 applicants to interview on March 16; interviews were advertised and open to the public.

The following residents were selected to be interviewed:

Boni Biery (Current Board Member)
Heidi Farlow
Lynda Hart
John Hoey
Cynthia Knox

Greg Kulseth
Garry Lingerfelt
Stanley Peterman
Betsy Robertson
Christine Southwick
Jesse Sycuro (Current Board Member)
Al Wagar

The Council Subcommittee is recommending that the Council appoint the following candidates to the PRCS/Tree Board:

John Hoey
Garry Lingerfelt
Betsy Robertson
Christine Southwick
Jesse Sycuro (re-appointment)

Candidate bios are included as Attachment A.

Due to a lack of response, the non-voting youth positions will be advertised again with applications accepted until the positions are filled.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact created as a result of this Council action.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the candidates as proposed by the Council Subcommittee for membership on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree Board.

Approved By: City Manager ***JU*** City Attorney ***IS***

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Recommended Board Appointment Candidate Bios

John Hoey

John has earned a masters degree in Urban and Environmental Policy from Tufts University in Medford, Maine. He is currently the Washington state program manager for the Trust for Public Land and has extensive experience working within government systems in environmental and urban planning, project/program management, community outreach, stakeholder involvement and group facilitation. As a resident of the Richmond Beach neighborhood, John is excited to engage in his local community by sharing his expertise with the PRCS/Tree Board.

Garry Lingerfelt

Garry was a member of the Aldercrest Annex task force, active in the Brugger's Bog stream bank restoration effort and has participated in Night Out activities. Garry and his wife are active with the Shoreline Senior Center and enjoy taking their 5 year old granddaughter to Shoreline parks and activities. He has a particular interest in connecting youth with nature and is eager to explore ways to make Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services accessible to the whole Shoreline community.

Betsy Robertson

Betsy is employed as the manager of Community Relations with KING 5 Television. As a new mother and Hillwood neighborhood resident, she is a frequent user of the Parks system and programs. She has been in professional leadership roles for the last 8 years and currently manages all of the relationships associated with KING 5's philanthropic efforts. She describes herself as environmentally minded and socially conscious. Betsy brings a refreshing level of enthusiasm and creativity to the Board.

Christine Southwick

Christine is a resident in the Briarcrest neighborhood. She has been a member of Shoreline's Community Wildlife Habitat Project and is presently acting as the team leader. She is a bird enthusiast and writes the column, "For the Birds" for the Shoreline Area News. Christine has experience acting as a team leader with the Ronald Bog restoration effort and the Northwest Wildlife Federation and is on the board of the Puget Sound Bird Observatory.

Jesse Sycuro

Jesse has completed one four year term on the PRCS/Tree Board and is recommended for re-appointment. He has served as the vice-chair for the Board since June, 2010. Jesse currently works as an Operations Manager in the area of Smart Buildings Solutions for McKinstry Co. He has served on the City of Shoreline SPU Acquisition Steering Committee since 2012, the Off-leash Dog Area Task Force as co-chair since 2008, and is an active member of the Public Art subcommittee. Jesse enjoys taking his 3 year old daughter to the parks for walks and runs and they particularly enjoy the playing fields and city-sponsored recreational programming.