

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Approval of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree Board Position Vacancy Appointment		
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services		
PRESENTED BY:	Dick Deal, Director		
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

An opening was created on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree Board (PRCS Board) with the resignation of long-term PRCS Board member Kevin McAuliffe earlier this month. His resignation leaves one year remaining on a four-year term that would have expired March 31, 2015. The City now needs to fill Mr. McAuliffe's position on the PRCS Board for the remainder of his term.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. McAuliffe, a member of the PRCS Board since 2005, informed Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director, on March 6, 2014 that he was resigning his position on the PRCS Board for personal reasons, effective immediately. His resignation leaves one year remaining on a four-year term that expires March 31, 2015.

At last week's Council meeting (March 17, 2014), the 2013 PRCS Board Appointment Council Subcommittee, comprised of Mayor Winstead and Councilmembers Roberts and McConnell, were re-formed by motion of the whole Council to appoint a citizen to fill Mr. McAuliffe's vacant position. Council agreed to waive their rules and review the applications of the seven candidates who were interviewed last year but not selected for appointment in March, 2013. From this pool of applicants, one would be recommended to the full Council to fill the current vacancy. To view the staff report for this agenda item, please click on the following link:

<http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/council/staffreports/2014/staffreport031714-8b.pdf>.

Subsequent to the March 17 Council meeting, the subcommittee quickly reconvened to review the PRCS Board applications. After this review and subcommittee deliberation, the subcommittee is recommending Shoreline resident Alan Wagar to the full Council for approval. Mr. Wagar has confirmed with staff his continued interest in serving on the PRCS Board. If confirmed by the Council, Mr. Wagar will be appointed for one year to fill Mr. McAuliffe's unexpired term until March 31, 2015. If Mr. Wagar wishes to continue to serve on the PRCS Board at the close of this term, he would need to reapply for appointment. Mr. Wagar's Community Service Application, which is attached to this

staff report as Attachment A, provides his educational background, community involvement, and interest in serving in this position.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no resource impact in adopting this proposed motion.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council move to appoint Alan Wagar to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Board through March 31, 2015 to complete the term of the position recently vacated by Kevin McAuliffe.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: PRCS Board Application for Alan Wagar

Approved By: City Manager _____ City Attorney _____



COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATION

For Membership on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board

RECEIVED

Name J. Alan (Al) Wagar

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Are you a Shoreline Resident or Property Owner? Yes

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Length of Residence. 34 years (in shifts of 8 and 26 years)

- 1. List your educational background.** BS in Forestry (U of Washington), Master and PhD in Forestry (U of Michigan), the latter focused on outdoor recreation
- 2. Please state your occupational background beginning with your current occupation and employer.** Research Professor (now Research Professor Emeritus) School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, U of Washington; previously Project Leader and Research Scientist for Forest Service Urban and Landscape Research Unit, Berkeley, CA and similar positions in Syracuse, NY, Seattle, WA and Logan UT, with research at Seattle Unit focused on environmental interpretation.
- 3. Describe your involvement in the Shoreline Community.** Member of Trail Corridor Study Group, worked with Sunset-Boeing Creek Open Space group, participated in group established to resolve conflict over the bluff trail in Richmond Beach Park, organized graveling of a trail segment in Shoreview Park, some work on ivy/invasives removal in Boeing Creek Park and Boeing Creek Open Space.

4. **Describe your leadership roles and/or any special expertise you have which would be applicable to the position for which you are applying.** Co-developed and co-taught Urban Forest Management course at U of Washington; worked with Cascadia Consulting Group to develop the Seattle Urban Forestry Strategic Plan (as input for Seattle's Urban Forest Management Plan); Board of Directors, Washington Trails Association, 1994 to 1997; Board of Directors, including 4 years as President, Volunteers for Outdoor Washington, 1997 -2008?; Supervised graveling and improvement for over 4 miles of trail in Seattle's Golden Gardens and Interlaken Parks (and participated as well in many backcountry trail maintenance and construction projects); Board of Washington Butterfly Association since 2005 with several years as President; Volunteer dog walker at PAWS since 2007.
5. **List the addresses of property you own in Shoreline and the type of property (residential or commercial).** [REDACTED]
6. **Are you an official representative of a homeowner's association or other group? If so, please name the group).** Not currently. I have served on the Board of the Innis Arden Club but was never an official representative.. Might have been considered an official representative of Volunteers for Outdoor Washington and Washington Butterfly Association when President of these groups, which do not lobby.
6. **Describe why you are interested in serving in this position.** I believe my experience and the insights I have developed relative to recreation, parks, management of urban trees, environmental interpretation, and working with volunteers would be a valuable addition to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board.

Appointment to this board or commission will require your constant attendance at regularly scheduled meetings.

Are you available for evening meetings? Daytime meetings? Generally "yes" for both. No current conflict with 4th Thursdays.

Please return this application by **5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2013** to:

City of Shoreline, City Clerk
17500 Midvale Avenue North
Shoreline, WA 98133
(206) 801- 2230

Disclosure Notice: Please note that your responses to the above application questions may be disclosed to the public under Washington State Law. The Personal Information form (page 3), however, is not subject to public disclosure.

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

Al Wagar

Supplemental Questions

1. How do you personally use the facilities and/or services of Shoreline's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department?

I fairly frequently walk through nearby Boeing Creek and Shoreview Parks and less frequently visit Richmond Beach Saltwater Park.

2. What is your opinion of the current level of parks, recreation and cultural services in our community?

Generally good. Probably as good as could be, given ever-present budget constraints. My experience is mostly with the parks mentioned above, but I've also used Ronald Bog and Twin Lakes (more in past, when I was making a bird DVD).

3. The PRCS Board has 11 regular meetings each year, and depending on issues, may call additional special meetings. The Board meets on the fourth Thursday each month, 7:00 – 9:00p.m., January through October at City Hall. The November and December meetings are combined and held the first Thursday of December. Are you able to attend these meetings consistently?

Yes

4. There is an expectation that Board members will attend special events such as dedications, ribbon cuttings and City-sponsored community building events as they are able. Would you be able to commit to attending several special events throughout the year as a representative of the Board?

Yes

5. What do you perceive to be the role of the PRCS/Tree Board in relationship to the community, PRCS staff, and the Council?

I haven't personally interacted with PRCS/Tree Board but would expect members to be alert to community concerns, to evaluate (and sometimes originate) various ideas and to be advisory to the PRCS staff and City Council. Areas of focus would seem to be park development and management and the management and regulations affecting trees. I'm sure there are also cultural services and facilities of which I'm mostly unaware (although Mrs. Wagar uses the Shoreline swimming pool several times a week).

6. Given the duties of the PRCS/Tree Board, what would be an area of interest for you if appointed?

I'm currently interested in the Boeing Creek Open Space, which is being eaten alive by ivy, and in how the Sunset School Site is developed. Given budget constraints,

Al Wagar

Supplemental Questions

these two items seem to have been de-linked, with current emphasis only on the Sunset site. When possible, I'd like to see an ADA-compliant trail constructed through the woods at lower portion of Boeing Creek Open Space, which would eventually tie to a trail coming down from 8th Avenue. Cost for the ADA trail could be quite modest. For the shorter term, I'd like to see a sustained effort to control the ivy in the open space.

A second area of interest would be management of trees in Shoreline—species for street trees, control of root damage to sidewalks, and where increased canopy cover would be most helpful in reducing storm surges or providing other benefits.

I no longer own a dog but am nevertheless interested in off-leash areas and other dog issues.