

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Appointment of Lauren Smith as a Youth Member to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Dick Deal, Director		
<b>ACTION:</b>	<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:**

Staff has received and reviewed an application to fill the one remaining youth PRCS Board position, vacant since spring 2012. Following a mutually affirming meeting with the applicant, staff recommends the appointment of Lauren Smith as a youth member of the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board effective July 14, 2014.

Staff is recommending that Council waive Council Rules of Procedure Section 2.4 and appoint Lauren Smith to the PRCS Board without the creation of a Council PRCS Board interview subcommittee. In addition, staff is recommending that Ms. Smith be appointed effective July 14, 2014 through the 2014/2015 academic year, with her term expiring in June 30, 2015. This will allow Ms. Smith to participate as a Board member immediately, which she is eager to do.

**RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council move to waive Council Rules of Procedure Section 2.4 and appoint Lauren Smith as a youth member to the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board effective July 14, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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

## **BACKGROUND**

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board advises the City Council and City staff on a variety of parks and recreation issues, including plans and policies, park operation and design, program activities, property acquisition and development of rules and regulations. In 2007, the Council added two youth positions to the PRCS Board. The youth members of the Board must be between the ages of 15 and 19 at the beginning of their term.

While adult members of the Board are appointed by the Council to four-year terms, the youth positions serve one-year terms. These term lengths were established in July of 2013 with the adoption of Ordinance No. 666. This changed the youth board members' terms of service from two years to one year, coinciding with the academic calendar (September through June). Eligible youth may reapply for appointment without a break in service during the summer for a maximum of four consecutive one year terms.

One position on the PRCS Board has been vacant since spring 2012. The second position was filled in January 2014. Staff advertised the vacancy in Currents and on the City's website. An application from Lauren Smith was received and reviewed by staff who subsequently conducted an interview. After meeting the applicant, staff is pleased to recommend Lauren Smith's appointment as a youth member of the Board effective July 14, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Ms. Smith will begin her junior year at Shorewood High School in the fall. She is a member of the Seattle Fastpitch Softball Club and Shorewood High school softball and volleyball teams and she will be a member of the Shorewood High School Cheer Squad this fall. Lauren is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as a deacon in her church. Lauren enjoys exploring Shoreline's parks and spending time outdoors. She is excited about the opportunity to learn about municipal government by participating on the PRCS Board. She looks forward to meeting staff and Board members, gaining leadership experience and earning community service hours.

## **RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council move to waive Council Rules of Procedure Section 2.4 and appoint Lauren Smith as a youth member to the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board effective July 14, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment A: Lauren Smith's completed Youth Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board Application



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE APPLICATION

For youth membership on the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board

There are currently two non-voting, youth positions now open on the **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board**. These positions must be filled by youth ages 15-19. Youth members serve one year terms that coincide with the academic calendar (September through June) and may be renewed. The youth of our community are valuable users of parks and City-sponsored programs and their representation on the Board is encouraged and supported by the City Council.

If you are a youth interested in serving your community and gaining experience with a City board, please provide answers to the questions below. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Visit the PRCS/Tree Board webpage at [shorelinewa.gov/parks](http://shorelinewa.gov/parks) to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of the Board.

Name: Lauren Smith

How long have you lived in Shoreline? 12 years

Neighborhood: Hillwood

Which school do you attend? Shorewood High School

Year in school: 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Please list any clubs, groups and/or extra-curricular organizations in which you participate.

Seattle Fastpitch club, shorewood Highschool softball  
and volleyball teams, Shorewood cheerleading, National  
Honor Society and I serve as a Deaconate in my  
congregation at church.

How have you been involved in the Shoreline community? I have been involved

in the Shoreline community mostly through sports since

I was very young. I played for Richmond Little League softball

and for Hillwood soccer, as well as being involved in many clubs  
such as Girl Scouts and Math Olympiad throughout elementary and middle  
Have you ever served on a committee? If so, describe your experience. school.

I have not served on an official committee, but I have

served as a youth leader in my church and an asst

leader for my school.

What are your current plans after high school?

Currently, I plan on attending a four-year

university and studying math and science.

Describe why you are interested in serving on this Board.

I am interested in serving on this Board because I value

the parks in Shoreline. I spend a lot of time playing

sports, or walking through the parks. I think that serving  
on this board will give me a chance to learn more about the parks,  
and will give me the chance to help the community better enjoy the  
Describe any special expertise or interest you have which would be relevant to this parks I love.  
Board.

I have participated in many sports and activities in Shoreline Parks

since I was young. I remember playing soccer on the old fields

at Cromwell Park when I was four, and twelve years later I

still play on the new fields. I also play softball at fields across the  
city like Hamilton and Permanent. Finally, I enjoy riding my bike  
along the InterUrban trail, or hiking through the many trails  
at Shoreview with friends.

The PRCS/Tree Board meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month except November and December which are combined on the *first* Thursday of December. Are you available for evening meetings?

(circle one)  Yes  No

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

**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 4), however, is not subject to public disclosure.

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Please return this application to:

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

If you have questions about the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board or the process, please email Lynn at [lpeterson@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:lpeterson@shorelinewa.gov) or call (206) 801-2602

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