

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

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Appointment of Shoreline Library Board Members
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Eric Friedli, PRCS 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:**

On March 31, 2016 the terms of four Library Board members expired. The regular members whose terms expired include Mark Hulak, Sara Lorimer, Lisa Oberg and Karen Thielke. Mr. Hulak and Ms. Lorimer did not apply for reappointment. Ms. Oberg and Ms. Thielke have applied for reappointment.

The City advertised the four Library Board position vacancies in *Currents* and on the City website, Shoreline Area News, and Facebook, and subsequently received applications from nine (9) residents. A City Council Subcommittee comprised of Deputy Mayor Winstead, and Councilmembers Hall and McGlashan were appointed by the Mayor to review qualifications and interview candidates. The City Council Subcommittee chose to interview five candidates on March 26 and the remaining two on March 28. The interviews were advertised and open to the public.

The names of the residents who applied for appointment to the Library Board and were subsequently interviewed are as follows.

1. Lauren Valentino Bryant
2. Chloe Anne Horning
3. Lisa Oberg
4. Kaare Otnes
5. Karen Thielke
6. Steven Watson
7. Wendy Zieve

Based on their deliberations, the Council Subcommittee is recommending that the Council appoint the following four candidates to the Library Board. Short biographies for these candidates are included as Attachment A.

1. Chloe Anne Horning
2. Lisa Oberg
3. Karen Thielke
4. Steven Watson

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council move to appoint Chloe Anne Horning, Lisa Oberg, Karen Thielke, and Steven Watson to the Shoreline Library Board for four-year terms that will run from Council appointment to March 31, 2020.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Biographies of Recommended Library Board Candidates

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

**Library Board**  
**Council Subcommittee**  
**Applicants Recommended for Appointment**

**Chloe Anne Horning**

Chloe has earned a masters degree in Library and Information Science at the University of Washington. She is employed as a Librarian at Shoreline Community College and is fairly new in town and recently bought her first house in Shoreline. She has enjoyed working in the same community where she lives and getting to know the local college students. Working at SCC reaffirms her belief that this is a fantastic community. She has been a volunteer reader/judge for the local History Day competition and has volunteered for the nonprofit organization Books to Prisoners over the last several years. She is interested in promoting the free flow of information about programs and services offered in the Shoreline community and promoting, improving and supporting our public library in any way she can.

**Lisa Oberg**

Lisa has completed one four-year term on the Library Board and is recommended for re-appointment. She has earned a B.S. in Microbiology from Oregon State University and a Master of Librarianship from University of Washington. Currently she is a librarian with the University of Washington Libraries where she has been employed for nearly 25 years. Lisa has been coordinating paper judging for the North Puget Sound History Day contest for the past 15 years and also volunteers for the Shoreline Farmers Market. She is a frequent user of the Shoreline Library and is always amazed and impressed by the diversity of users and activities taking place in the library. Lisa feels libraries are the heart of the community.

**Karen Thielke**

Karen has completed one four-year term on the Library Board and is recommended for re-appointment. She is very active in the community serving on the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council Board. Through the Power of Once program with Shoreline School District she volunteers once a week in a first grade class room and also tutors adults at the Shoreline Library. Previously she served on the Richmond Beach Community Association Board and on the board of the Friends of Richmond Beach Library. As a current board member, she has had the opportunity to learn more about the “inner workings” of both the King County Library System and the City of Shoreline. She has been pleased to convey that knowledge to her community at large and to look for opportunities to report community needs back to the institutions.

**Steven Watson**

Steven has earned a B.A. in English at the University of Delaware. He is currently working at United Way of King County as an Account Executive. Having moved to Shoreline, in the North City neighborhood, two years ago, he has been looking to get more involved in the local community. He has been searching for an opportunity that would be match his community building experience and his love for libraries. He has two young children and is a heavy user of the Shoreline library, City of Shoreline Parks & Rec, the Shoreline Farmers Market and other Shoreline programs, and soon the Shoreline School District. He has a real passion for libraries, reading, and the library's universal free access to information and literature for everyone in our community.