

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

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Appointment of Erik Ertsgaard as a Youth Member to the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Eric Friedli, PRCS Department 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:**

In 2007, the City Council added two youth positions to the Shoreline Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree (PRCS) Board. Previous youth Board member, Gillian Lauter was acknowledged by the Council on June 12, 2017 after completing her term on the Board. This vacancy creates an opening for one new youth Board member.

This service opportunity was advertised at Shorewood and Shorecrest High Schools, in *Currents*, and on the City's website. Six applications were received to fill the position. According to the Board's Rules of Procedure, Section 2.4, Mayor Roberts and Deputy Mayor Winstead were appointed to interview the candidates. They met with five of the six applicants on June 19, 2017. One scheduled applicant failed to show. The interviews were advertised and open to the public.

Based on their deliberations, Mayor Roberts and Deputy Mayor Winstead recommend Erik Ertsgaard to the Council for appointment to the PRCS Board, effective September 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2018. Term lengths are established Ordinance No. 666 and aim to coincide with the academic calendar (September through June). Youth Board positions have the option to renew additional one-year terms for a maximum of four terms.

**RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Council appoint Erik Ertsgaard as a youth member to the Shoreline Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree Board effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, with the option to renew three additional one-year terms for a maximum of four years of service.

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

## **BACKGROUND**

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree (PRCS) Board advises the City Council and 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 PRCS 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 be reappointed without a break in service during the summer for a maximum of four consecutive one-year terms.

## **DISCUSSION**

One youth Park Board member completed her term and left the Board to attend college, creating an opening for one new youth member. Gillian Lauter was recognized for her service on June 12, 2017.

Six applications were received to fill the position, and five of the six applicants were interviewed by Mayor Roberts and Deputy Mayor Winstead on June 19, 2017. One applicant failed to show for the interview. Following their deliberations, Mayor Roberts and Deputy Mayor Winstead recommend the appointment of Erik Ertsgaard to the youth position on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board.

Erik Ertsgaard lives in the Richmond Beach neighborhood and will be a sophomore at Shorewood High School beginning fall 2017. He is active in concert band, marching band, youth group and Young Life, and he enjoys golf and tennis. Math and biology interest him most, fueling his desire to pursue a career in ecological science. He is excited for this opportunity to serve on the Board and wants to contribute to discussions about how to better the parks and ecosystems in the Shoreline community.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Youth Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board Application for Erik Ertsgaard

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Please supply the following information. Applicants must live in Shoreline to be eligible to apply.

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CITY OF SHORELINE

Name: Erik Ertsgaard Age: 15

How long have you lived in Shoreline? 14 1/2 years

Which neighborhood do you live in? Richmond Beach

What school do you attend? Shorewood

What year in school are you? 9th

What academic subjects interest you most?  
Math and biology interest me the most.

List your extra-curricular activities (including sports, music, clubs, leadership groups, social groups):

Golf, tennis, concert band, marching band, youth group and younglife

How have you been involved in the Shoreline Community?

I have completed community service hours by fundraising for the SSF Bike Rodeo and other various church service projects

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

I have not, but am excited for an opportunity to serve on this one.

Describe why you are interested in serving in this position.

I am interested in serving in this position because I am interested in a career in ecological science. Also, I want to contribute to discussions on how to better the parks and ecosystems in this community.

Describe any special expertise or interest which is applicable for this Board.

I can put my comprehensive skills of algebraic and geometric topics of graphing and analyzing trends to benefit the committee. I also spend a lot of time walking and jogging in parks around the city.

Appointment to this committee requires consistent attendance at regularly scheduled meetings. PRCS Board meetings occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of most months. Are you available for evening meetings?

(circle one)  Yes  No

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