

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Appointment of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Board Members		
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department		
PRESENTED BY:	Eric Friedli, PRCS Director		
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to SMC Chapter 2.55, the City has established a Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Board (Parks Board) to provide citizen input on park matters. Pursuant to SMC 12.30.020, the Parks Board also serves (ex officio) as the City's Tree Board and advises the City Council on management of trees located on city-owned public property and rights-of-way. The Parks Board consists of seven adult members and two non-voting youth members between the ages of 15 and 19. The Board currently has vacancies for one youth and one adult member. In addition, an incumbent youth member is seeking reappointment to a second term.

Youth Board Members:

In January 2018, youth board member Natalia Sandico withdrew from the Board, leaving one vacancy. Incumbent youth member, Erik Ertsgaard, is seeking appointment to a second one-year term. Parks Board youth member term lengths are established pursuant to SMC 2.56.020(B) and coincide with the academic calendar (September through June). Parks Board youth members have the option to renew additional one-year terms for a maximum of four terms.

The youth member service opportunity was advertised at Shorewood and Shorecrest High Schools, in *Currents*, and on the City's website. Two applications were received to fill the position. According to the Council's Rules of Procedure, Section 2.4, Councilmembers Roberts, Chang, and Scully were appointed to a subcommittee to interview the candidates. The Subcommittee met with both youth applicants on June 18, 2018. The interviews were advertised and open to the public. Based on the interviews and subsequent deliberations, the Subcommittee recommends Ivan Brown for appointment for a term effective September 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2019.

Based on incumbent youth member, Erik Ertsgaard's outstanding contribution to the Parks Board in 2018, Staff recommends his reappointment for another year also effective September 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2019.

A short biography for the youth candidates is included as Attachment A.

Adult Board Members:

On May 1, 2018, Parks Board adult member, Christina Arcidy, submitted her resignation from the Board effective immediately. Ms. Arcidy has been a valuable member of the Board since 2017. Ms. Arcidy's term was scheduled to expire March 31, 2021. Her resignation leaves the Parks Board with one unexpired term.

The Parks Board is playing a very important role in the implementation of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan) currently in process. Given this important work and the need for a full Parks Board, Staff requested that the City Council appoint one adult to fill Ms. Arcidy's unexpired term ending March 31, 2021.

The City advertised this Parks Board vacancy in *Currents* and on the City's website, and received ten applications. As was the case for the Youth Board Members, a Subcommittee comprised of Councilmembers Roberts, Scully and Chang reviewed qualifications narrowed the candidates to five.

The following five candidates were interviewed by the Subcommittee on July 10, 2018:

Jeff Potter
Elizabeth White
Amy Walgamott
Jenee Colton
Terri Arnold

Following the interview process, the Subcommittee is recommending that the City Council appoint Elizabeth White to the Parks Board.

A short biography for the adult and youth candidates is included as Attachment A.

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 Ivan Brown and reappoint Erik Ertsgaard for youth membership on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Board for terms beginning September 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

Staff also recommends that the City Council move to appoint Elizabeth White for membership on the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Board for a term beginning upon appointment and ending March 31, 2021.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Biography of Selected Park Board Candidates

Approved By: City Manager ***DT*** City Attorney ***JA-T***

Biographies of Nominees

Ivan Brown

Ivan has lived in the Innis Arden neighborhood for eight years and is entering his junior year at Shorewood High School. Ivan is a US Double Gold figure skating medalist and is credentialed and qualified as a coach. He is a devoted water polo and Crossfit athlete who works to balance his athleticism with his musicianship as a pianist and member of the high school orchestra. Ivan is fluent in Russian and is actively engaged in the Russian community and invested in the Russian culture. At home he enjoys helping his family raise goats, chickens, bees and ducks and cares for the family orchard and garden.

Elizabeth White

Elizabeth has lived in the Ridgcrest neighborhood of Shoreline for four years. She is a 2017 graduate of Shoreline's CityWise program and regularly volunteers with the Washington Native Plant Society in Hamlin Park. She is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Tomorrow, a civic leadership program in Seattle, and has 15 years of experience working in urban parks and engaging with community volunteers. Elizabeth is currently employed as Operations Manager for EarthCorps, and has led community habitat restoration events in parks throughout the city of Seattle.