

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Appointment of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree 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

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

On March 31, 2019, the terms of three Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS)/Tree Board members expired. The regular members whose terms expired are Bill Franklin, Cindy Dittbrenner and Katie Schielke. Additionally, PRCS/Tree Board member Betsy Robertson was appointed to the City Council and submitted her resignation from the Board in January 2019. Ms. Robertson's second term was scheduled to expire March 31, 2021. Mr. Franklin has submitted his application for reappointment to the Board, while Ms. Dittbrenner and Ms. Schielke have decided to not seek reappointment.

To fill these four PRCS/Tree Board positions, the City Council formed a Subcommittee of the Council to review applications and interview applicants for these vacancies. The Council Subcommittee has completed this work and had made a recommendation to the full Council for the appointments to the Board. Tonight, Council is scheduled to make appointments to fill these four Board positions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Council Subcommittee recommends the full Council move to appoint the following candidates to the PRCS/Tree Board:

- Reappoint Bill Franklin to a second four-year term beginning April 8, 2019 and ending March 31, 2023.
- Appoint Sara Raab McInerney and Jeff Potter to four-year terms beginning April 8, 2019 and ending March 31, 2023.
- Appoint Bruce Amundson to serve an unexpired two-year term beginning April 8, 2019 and ending March 31, 2021.

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

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 2.55, the City has established a Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Board (PRCS Board) to provide citizen input on park matters. The PRCS 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 PRCS/Tree 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 four adult members to serve three four-year terms and one two-year unexpired term.

In January 2019, PRCS/Tree Board member Betsy Robertson was appointed to the City Council and submitted her resignation from the Board effective immediately. Ms. Robertson has been a valuable member of the Board since 2013. Ms. Robertson's second term was scheduled to expire March 31, 2021. Her resignation leaves the PRCS/Tree Board with one unexpired two-year term.

Board member Bill Franklin completed his first term and has applied for a second four-year term. Mr. Franklin has been an actively contributing member of the Board since 2015.

Board members Cindy Dittbrenner and Katie Schielke began serving in 2015 and have completed their first terms. Both chose not to reapply, leaving vacancies for two four-year terms.

DISCUSSION

The City advertised these four PRCS/Tree Board vacancies in the City's newsletter, *Currents*, and on the City's website and received 18 applications, including an application from current Board member Bill Franklin. A Council Candidate Review Subcommittee comprised of Deputy Mayor McConnell and Councilmembers Robertson and Scully reviewed the qualifications of the 18 applicants and selected five candidates for interview. The Subcommittee also recommended that Mr. Franklin be reappointed to the Board without an interview based on knowledge of his current performance on the Board.

The following four candidates were interviewed by the Subcommittee on March 16, 2019:

- June Howard
- Tamara Langton
- Jeff Potter
- Sara Raab McInerney

The fifth candidate, Bruce Amundson, was interviewed by the Subcommittee on March 25, 2019.

Following the interview process, the Subcommittee deliberated and is recommending that the City Council appoint the following candidates to the PRCS/Tree Board:

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A short biography of the candidates is included with this staff report as Attachment A.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Biography of Selected Park Board Candidates

Attachment ACouncil Sub-committee Recommendations for PRCS/Tree Board
Nominee Biographies**Bruce Amundson**

Bruce is a retired family physician and long-time supporter of the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation. He served on the PRCS Public Art Committee and numerous short-term art selection panels in recent years. Bruce has a deep interest in the arts that is reflected in his personal art collection and in his support of various community arts and cultural organizations. He has been a proponent of a strong and expanded Shoreline arts program and looks forward to advocating for the arts while serving on the PRCS/Tree Board.

Jeff Potter

Jeff earned a B.A. in Economics with a minor in Environmental Science & Resource Management from the University of Washington and is currently employed by the UW as a Program Operations Analyst. He is also a volunteer instructor for the Mountaineers, exercising his passion for outdoor recreation. For the past 6 months Jeff has served as an active member of the Parks Funding Advisory Committee (PFAC) where he gained an appreciation for the role citizen advisory committees play in civic government. Jeff looks forward to continuing to invest in the work that was begun by the PFAC to ensure the Shoreline community continues to enjoy high quality parks and public spaces well into the future.

Sara Raab McInerney

Sara earned a B.A. in Biology from Vassar College and a master's in landscape architecture from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. She is currently employed as the Executive Director of the Norman Raab Foundation, a small family foundation that distributes grants to charitable organizations, but she maintains her Landscape Architect registration in Washington. Sara has been an active member of the Parks Funding Advisory Committee since September 2018 during which time she familiarized herself with the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan, understands current priorities, future plans, and fiscal constraints. She is excited for the future of Shoreline's parks, programs, and facilities and is grateful to remain engaged in the process.

William (Bill) Franklin (reappointment to a second term)

Bill earned a B.S. in Architecture from Washington State University and is self-employed as a small-business owner with two Shoreline businesses. He is a frequent visitor to Shoreline parks and open spaces on foot and on bike and a regular exhibitor and sponsor at Solar Fest. He is a user of Spartan Recreation Center's programs and classes and an active member of the PRCS/Tree Board since 2015. Bill served on the Parks Funding Advisory Committee and is grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the Shoreline community in this way.