

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Waiving Council Rule 2.4, A Through E, and Reappointing Erik Ertsgaard and Ivan Brown to the Shoreline Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board		
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services		
PRESENTED BY:	Eric Friedli, 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:

In July 2013, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 666 amending the term of youth members of the City’s Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board. According to this amendment, youth members shall serve one-year terms that follow the academic calendar and expire the thirtieth day of June each year. Youth Members are eligible for reappointment three times for a total of no more than four consecutive years.

Youth members Erik Ertsgaard and Ivan Brown from the PRCS/Tree Board are eligible for reappointment and have expressed the desire to continue to serve. Staff feel that both Eric and Ivan have been active participants on the PRCS/Tree Board and are members of the Board in good standing. To this end, staff recommended to the Mayor to see if Council is interested in waiving Council Rule 2.4, A through E, the Council Rule that requires a Council sub-committee to interview potential Board candidates, and just reappointing Erik and Ivan for another term without going through the application and interview process. The Mayor was supportive of this step as recommended by staff. Staff is therefore recommending not only the appointment of Erik Ertsgaard and Ivan Brown to the PRCS/Tree Board for another term beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, but also that Council waive Council Rule 2.4, A through E, as part of the appointment process.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)/Tree 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 the development of rules and regulations. The PRCS Board consists of nine members including two non-voting youth members.

The Tree Board was established by the City Council in 2012 as part of the requirement to become a Tree City USA. The members of the PRCS Board also serve as the Tree Board. This Board serves as an advisory board to City staff and the City Council on issues related to public tree maintenance and urban forestry.

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DISCUSSION

Erik Ertsgaard was appointed to the PRCS/Tree Board in 2017 as a youth and has will complete his second term on June 30, 2019. Ivan Brown was appointed to the PRCS/Tree Board in 2018 as a youth and will complete his first term on June 30. Both youth members are eligible for reappointment and have expressed the desire to continue to serve.

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment A: Biographies of PRCS/Tree Board Youth Member Nominees Ivan Brown and Erik Ertsgaard

Biographies of PRCS/Tree Board Youth Member 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.

Erik Ertsgaard

Erik Ertsgaard lives in the Richmond Beach neighborhood and will be a senior at Shorewood High School beginning fall 2019. 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. Erik has been a faithful and active member of the Board and enjoys contributing to discussions about how to better the parks and ecosystems in the Shoreline community.