

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Appointment of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services/Tree Board Members
DEPARTMENT:	Recreation, Cultural and Community Services Department
PRESENTED BY:	Colleen Kelly, RCCS 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, 2021, the terms of four Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS)/Tree Board members are set to expire. To fill these four PRCS/Tree Board positions, the City Council formed a Council Candidate Review Subcommittee to review applications and conduct interviews for these vacancies. The Council Subcommittee has completed this work and has made a recommendation to the full Council for the appointments to the PRCS/Tree Board. Tonight, the City Council is scheduled to make appointments to fill these four Board positions.

RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Council Candidate Review Subcommittee recommends that the full City Council move to appoint Genevieve Arredondo, Jean Hilde, Dustin McIntyre, and Noah Weil to the PRCS/Tree Board, each to serve one four-year term beginning April 1, 2021 and expiring March 31, 2025.

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, recreation and cultural service matters. The PRCS Board also serves 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 four-year terms, beginning April 1, 2021. The Board members whose terms are expiring are Bruce Amundson, John Hoey, Christine Southwick and Elizabeth White. Mr. Hoey and Ms. Southwick both served two full, four-year terms, Ms. White served three years of an unexpired term, and Mr. Amundson served two years of an unexpired term.

DISCUSSION

The City advertised these four PRCS/Tree Board vacancies on the City website, through a general press release and social media posts and through other staff distribution lists. A total of 29 applications were submitted. A Council Candidate Review Subcommittee comprised of Councilmembers Chang, Roberts and Robertson reviewed the qualifications of the 29 applicants and selected the following 12 candidates for interview, which were conducted on February 27, 2021:

- Genevieve Arrendando
- Bruce Amundsen
- Joseph Cairo
- Mike Chilson
- Jennifer Clowers
- Christine Gildow
- MaryAnn Higgins
- Jean Hilde
- Wendy Friedman
- Mitra Karami
- Dustin McIntyre
- Noah Weil

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

- Genevieve Arredondo,
- Jean Hilde,
- Dustin McIntyre, and
- Noah Weil.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Biographies of Selected Park Board Candidates

Attachment A

PRCS/Tree Board Council Subcommittee Nominee Biographies

Genevieve Arredondo

Genevieve has lived in Shoreline for five years and most recently worked as a Marketing and Communications Manager with past experience as an Environmental Educator at the Seattle Aquarium. Additional experience includes three years on the Governing Board of Seattle's only Spanish Speaking Cooperative Preschool, the Phinney Cooperative Prescolar en Espanol. Genevieve currently serves as the Communications Chair for the Briarcrest Elementary PTA and has also served as a member of Cafecitos, which is Briarcrest's Parent Group for Spanish Speaking Families. Genevieve has two young boys and shared that she wants them to feel a sense of belonging to the place they call "home". She intends to use her role on the PRCS/Tree Board to help ensure that all families, no matter what they look like, have programs and spaces that bring that same sense of belonging and pride.

Jean Hilde

Jean has lived in Shoreline for 25 years and is a retired attorney. She has just completed five years as the Director of the Briarcrest Neighborhood Association. In addition, Jean has served on the City of Shoreline Park Funding Advisory Committee, the Yes on Parks Prop 1 Campaign Committee, the Fircrest School Master Plan Stakeholders Committee, and the North End Neighbors Airplane Noise Group. She recently began volunteering for Catholic Community Services. Jean believes it is important for the City to be forward-thinking and will use her service on the PRCS/Tree Board to help ensure that all residents have equitable access to enjoy the City's parks, recreation, cultural activities and trees.

Dustin McIntyre

Dustin has lived in Shoreline for over four years, works as a Senior Project Manager for a software company, and is the current Chair of the Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association. Dustin shared that his family moved to Shoreline because of the city's dedication to its parks system, in balance with managing population growth through mass transit and location-appropriate high density. He is the parent of a young child and a participant in adult sports leagues. Dustin is interested in serving as a PRCS/Tree Board member in order to help ensure the City of Shoreline and its residents have the best programming and facilities possible, with the resources available.

Attachment A

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Noah Weil

Noah has lived in Shoreline for five years and works as an attorney. He has two young children and has been involved with his daughter's Girl Scout troop. Noah shared that during the pandemic, he and his family made it a point to visit every park in Shoreline. He looks forward to using his time on the PRCS/Tree Board to help ensure that other families can find the same enjoyment in Shoreline's Parks.