

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

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Waiving Council Rule 2.4, A Through E, and Reappointing Hayley Berkman and Appointing Millie Wang to the Shoreline Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Colleen Kelly, RCCS 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 July 2013, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 666 amending the term of youth members of the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)/Tree Board. According to this amendment, youth members shall serve one-year terms that follow the academic calendar and expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Youth Members are eligible for reappointment three times for a total of no more than four consecutive years.

Council Rules of Procedure 2.4, A-E, stipulate that the Council establish a committee to select and interview applicants for Boards and Commissions. Staff suggested and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor supported asking the Council to waive these rules and allow staff to conduct the recruitment and interview process for this year's open youth seats on the PRCS/Tree Board.

Current youth member Hayley Berkman is a Shorewood High School junior and is eligible for reappointment. Hayley has been an active participant on the PRCS/Tree Board and has expressed the desire to continue to serve. David Lin, who served in a youth seat for the last two years is graduating and moving away for college so is not available to serve another term. In addition to reappointing Hayley Berkman, staff recommends appointing new youth member Millie Wang who is a freshman at Shorecrest High School.

**RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Council move to waive Council Rule 2.4, A through E, and reappoint youth member Hayley Berkman and appoint youth member Millie Wang to the Shoreline Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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 Board also serves as an advisory board to City staff and the City Council on issues related to public tree maintenance and urban forestry. The PRCS/Tree Board consists of nine members including two non-voting youth members.

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The current youth members on the PRCS/Tree Board are Hayley Berkman and David Lin. Hayley Berkman is a Shorewood High School junior and is eligible for reappointment. David Lin, who served in a youth seat for the last two years, is graduating and moving away for college so he is not available to serve another term.

## **DISCUSSION**

Council Rules of Procedure 2.4, A-E, stipulate that the Council establish a committee to select and interview applicants for Boards and Commissions. Staff suggested and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor supported asking the Council to waive these rules and allow staff to conduct the recruitment and interview process for this year's open youth seats on the PRCS/Tree Board.

Hayley Berkman was appointed to the PRCS/Tree Board in 2020 as a youth and will complete her second term on June 30, 2022. As noted above, Hayley is currently a junior at Shorewood High School and is eligible for reappointment. Hayley has expressed a desire to continue to serve on the PRCS/Tree Board. She has done an excellent job on the Board and is an active participant in Board meetings and Board functions. Given Hayley's service and commitment to the Board, staff did not interview her for continued Board service and recommends that Hayley be appointed to the Board for another term.

For the open youth position on the Board, recruitment notices were shared widely beginning on April 21, 2022. Staff initially set a deadline of May 6 but later extended that to May 13 to allow time for the school district to help announce this opportunity to serve. The recruitment notice was shared via press release and the City's social media platforms. In addition, staff in the Youth and Teen Development Program posted notice at the teen center and shared it with participants. Staff also reached out to the College and Career Specialists at both Shorewood and Shorecrest High Schools. The current PRCS/Tree Board youth members also spread the word among their peers.

Staff received four applications and made plans to interview all four applicants. During the scheduling process, one applicant withdrew and during the interview process one applicant did not show up or respond to follow up contact efforts. Staff ultimately interviewed two youth applicants - Millie Wang who lives in the Ridgecrest neighborhood and is a freshman at Shorecrest High School and Thatcher Davis who is a sophomore at Seattle Preparatory Academy and lives in the Highlands. Both applicants demonstrated a commitment to academics, their schools, and their community.

Following the interview process, staff recommends that Millie Wang serve in the second youth position due to her strong connection to Shoreline parks and to Shoreline recreation programming. Millie described going to many parks with her family, utilizing the scholarship program to take classes at the Spartan Recreation Center and participating in a variety of park clean-up and restoration activities through the InterAct Club at her school. Her references, both current teachers, describe her as a kind, active class participant with a strong work ethic. Millie Wang's application to serve as a youth member on the PRCS/Tree Board is included as Attachment A.

### **RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Council move to waive Council Rule 2.4, A through E, and reappoint youth member Hayley Berkman and appoint youth member Millie Wang to the Shoreline Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services/Tree Board effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

### **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment A: Millie Wang PRCS/Tree Board Youth Member Application

## Attachment A

**From:** webmaster@shorelinewa.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 10:07 PM  
**To:** Clk; Lori Henrich  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] PRCS/Tree Board Youth Application

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### Survey Details

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*Disclosure Notice: Please note that your responses to the application questions may be disclosed to the public under Washington State Law. Personal information, however, is not subject to public disclosure laws.*

**1. Please tell us your name.**

**First Name** Millie  
**Last Name** Wang

**2. Are you between the ages of 15 and 19?**

(o) Yes

**3. What is your address?**

**Street**  
**City, State, Zip**

**4. What is your phone number?**

**Cell phone**  
**Home phone**

**5. What is your email address?**

**6. How long have you lived in Shoreline?**

11 Years

**7. Which neighborhood do you live in?**

Ridgecrest

**8. What school do you attend?**

Shorecrest High School

**9. What year in school are you?**

9th Grade (Freshman)

**10. What academic subjects interest you most?**

Academic subjects that interest me the most are math and science. I enjoy math because of how logical it is (although sometimes that frustrates me simultaneously) and due to this logic, math is not subjective. Every question has a clear answer and when you solve it, you can either be right or wrong. There is no grey area. I personally enjoy this objective approach and the certainty that comes with it because it is a calmness in a world filled with many inbetweens. Every math problem is a new, fresh and unique challenge. Solving each one gives a feeling of accomplishment and almost seems to give me some confidence in my abilities and uplifts me. I love science because it explains so much about the world and also holds many challenging questions that require deep consideration. It is also interesting to consider the endless amount of questions left unanswered yet in the world.

**11. List your extra-curricular activities (including sports, music, clubs, leadership groups, social groups, etc.)**

Taking care of younger sister

Walk my younger sister to school and back home since I was in 3rd grade, tutor my sister, prepare food and take care of her on days when we both have early release and my mom is at work

Soccer, Seattle United, Shorelake Soccer Club

Select soccer (4 years): Seattle United/Regional/Outside Back/ 2021 Crossfire Champions, 2019 Grand Slam Soccer

Tournament Champions; Recreational soccer (5 years): Shorelake Soccer Club/All positions/2 year tournament champions  
Project HEAL Ambassador

Fundraising efforts, educational presentations, spread awareness of Project HEAL's mission/ Raised \$60,704 so far for people suffering from eating disorders and having financial or insurance barriers standing in the way of achieving life-saving support.

Girls in Science, Burke Museum

Work/learn in various STEM fields, such as medical physics, psychology and paleobotany, in labs and classrooms across the University of Washington campus.

5) Volunteer at Sunrise Senior Center and Canopy (Turning Point)

Sunrise Senior Center: volunteer/organized fun events and activities, read to the residents, help out with Sunday Church Service; Turning Point: tutor/teaching elementary and middle school children from low-income families to strengthen math and reading skills and tackle homework challenges.

6) School Club: Interact Club, Years

Awarded 2021 NUHSA Youth Human Services Leadership Award. At Interact Club, I volunteer with the club's partner organization, North Helpline, lead food drives, write letters to the elderly, connect with veterans, make masks and felt blankets that are then donated to the Shoreline Severe Weather Shelter and Mary's Place.

7) School Club: HOSA- Future Health Professionals

Club member/Participate in health science-specific workshops, including bloodstain pattern analysis, anatomical landmark identification challenge, and learning to take vital signs of patients/Preparing for the HOSA State Leadership Competition in March (Topics studying: sports medicine and nutrition)

8) Dance (Spectrum Dance Theater, Taipei Daan Center, Spartan Recreation Center)

Learned ballet, contemporary, and latin dance/performed in various showcases and recitals,

9) School Club: Newspaper Club

Club member/Published: A deep dive into Shorecrest's student walkout on December 1st (Cooperative Effort of Staff);

Edited: 4 articles

10) After School Program: Climb Debate

Practiced debating (Lincoln-Douglas Debate Topic: A just government ought to recognize an unconditional right of workers

to strike.)/ Learned how to research, build cases, flow debates, respond, and rebuttal arguments to persuade judges.

11) Track and Field (Seattle Park & Recreation)

12) Shorecrest Class of 2025 Committee

13) Hiking Club (Shorecrest High School)

**12. How have you been involved in the Shoreline community?**

Having lived in Shoreline for the majority of my life so far, I have the chance to get involved in many of the great opportunities offered to the Shoreline community. Having been given these amazing opportunities that I am extremely grateful for, it is important to me that I give back to the Shoreline community. I have done this by tutoring elementary and middle school students in the Shoreline School District and volunteering at food banks such as Popy's Cafe at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and North Helpline. Through my interact club (school club), I have also helped restoration efforts in many parks across Shoreline, for example Cromwell Park, Paramount Park, North City Park, Twin Ponds, and Ronald Commons Garden. Along with this, my friends and I have also done clean up parties at places such as Richmond Beach and Hamlin park.

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

Yes, I have served on a committee before. As part of the Shorecrest Class of 2025 Committee at my high school, I have had the chance to come up with/plan events, spread important information using our platform, assist with the financial aspect of our class, help improve the high school experience of my fellow classmates, along with many other things. It has been a fantastic experience that I have learned a lot through collaborating with others, meeting new people, coming up with innovative ideas, building on past ideas, hearing what others have to say about things, etc. It can definitely be challenging at times but I love challenges and I truly think that they are what allow me to thrive.

**14. Describe why you are interested in serving on this Board.**

I am interested in serving on this Board because I have a strong passion for community service and would love to serve as a youth representative regarding the operation and maintenance of my city's parks and recreational programs. Shoreline is a place very close to my heart and part of the reason for that is directly related to parks and open spaces; recreation programming; public art; special events and cultural services; and trees in public areas. Essentially what this PRCS/ Tree Board is about. This is why I would love the opportunity to give my input regarding these topics and hopefully help improve these places and programs, which may help make Shoreline an even better place as well as helping others enjoy Shoreline even more. The chance to gain experience on a city board is also very enticing.

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

As an avid long-time participant in many of the recreational programs that Shoreline offers (many classes that my sister and I have taken through Spartan Recreation Center) along with being part of a family that often uses the trails and parks that Shoreline has to offer, I have many ideas and much knowledge on these topics that I think would be extremely beneficial to this Board.

**16. Appointment to this Board requires consistent attendance at regularly scheduled meetings. PRCS/Tree Board meetings occur on the 4th Thursday of most months in the evening. Are you available for evening meetings?**

(o) Yes

**17. By checking this box I agree that the following statement is true:**

(o) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provided herein is true and correct.

Thank you,  
City of Shoreline

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