

Agenda # 2
Commission Meeting Date: April 3, 2012
CITY OF GREAT FALLS
COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

**Item:** Appointments to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships

**From:** City Manager's Office

**Initiated By:** City Commission

**Presented By:** City Commission

**Action Requested:** Reappoint one member and appoint one new member to the Advisory

Commission on International Relationships.

## **Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

"I move that the City Commission reappoint Cyndi Baker and appoint \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for three-year terms through March 31, 2015."

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

**Staff Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Commission reappoint Cyndi Baker and appoint one new member to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for three-year terms through March 31, 2015.

**Background:** Cyndi Baker was appointed to the ACIR in September of 2010 to fill the remainder of a three-year term. Cyndi Baker is eligible for and interested in reappointment.

The terms of Robin Baker and Anders Blewett expired on March 31, 2012. Robin Baker is not eligible for reappointment. Mr. Blewett is eligible but not interested in reappointment.

Advertising for the vacant positions has been done through the local media and on the City's website. One application has been received at this time.

## Purpose

International programs are growing for many reasons. Rapid changes in communications technology, globalization of the marketplace, and political changes in the last decade have all contributed to an increasing awareness these trends will accelerate in the future. Communities, as well as individuals, businesses, and institutions will need to learn to participate in the "global"

village," or be left behind economically or in other ways. In order for the City to take a leadership role in nurturing and coordinating some of the international efforts, the Advisory Commission on International Relationships was created by Ordinance 2788 on November 8, 2000, and amended by Ordinance 2863 on October 21, 2003. The Commission provides support, coordination, and exchange of information for international programs in the community. The Commission consists of nine to eleven members.

## **Evaluation and Selection Process**

Advertising for the vacant positions has been done through the local media and on the City's website. Advertising will continue for the remaining opening.

Continuing members of this board are:

Christina Barksy Janet McLeod Natalia Hager Deborah Hanson Pamela Haugen Sean Johnson Carol Lindseth Kay Silk

Citizens interested in serving on this Board:

Bob Kelly

**Fiscal Impact:** Not applicable.

**Alternatives:** Continue advertising to seek further citizen interest.

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Board Application (Not available online; on file in City Clerk's Office.)