



**CITY OF GREAT FALLS
COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

Item: Appointments to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: City Commission

Presented By: City Commission

Action Requested: Appoint members to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

"I move that the City Commission reappoint J. Scot Davis to a three-year term ending December 31, 2015, and appoint _____ and _____ for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2013, and ending on December 31, 2015, to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board."

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

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Commission reappoint J. Scot Davis to a three-year term ending December 31, 2015, and appoint _____ and _____ for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2013, and ending on December 31, 2015, to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board.

Background: J. Scot Davis was appointed to the Planning Advisory Board in November of 2011 to fill the remainder of a three-year term. Mr. Davis is eligible for and interested in reappointment. John Harding was originally appointed to the Planning Advisory Board in June of 2005. Mr. Harding resigned from the Board in October of 2012 due to the fact that he moved outside of the City limits. William "Bill" Roberts was originally appointed to the Board in June of 2005. Mr. Roberts is not eligible for reappointment. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint two members to fill the vacancies of Mr. Harding and Mr. Roberts.

Purpose

The Great Falls Planning Advisory Board was created in lieu of the Great Falls City-County Planning Board. Further, the advisory board has jurisdiction within the City limits; consists of nine citizen members appointed by the City Commission; and, performs and provides the duties, services and functions specified in Ordinance No. 2913, generally involving growth policies, subdivision applications and plats, annexation applications, zoning and rezoning petitions,

conditional use permits, long range planning, transportation planning, Community Transportation Enhancement Program administration, historic preservation services, etc. Members must reside within the city limits. City employees and elected officials are not eligible for appointment.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Advertising for the vacancies was done through the local media and on the City of Great Falls website.

Concurrences: At its December 11, 2012, the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board recommended the appointment of Sophia Sparkin and Mark Striepe.

Continuing members of this board are:

Martin Byrnes
Cheryl Patton
Dr. Heidi Pasek
Thor Swensson
Wyman Taylor
R. Nathan (Nate) Weisenburger

Citizens interested in serving on this board are:

Kendall G. Cox
Sophia Sparklin
Mark Striepe

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Alternatives: Advertise to seek other citizen interest.

Attachments: Applications (Not available online; on file in City Clerk's Office.)