



**Item:** Appointments to Great Falls Development Authority Board

**From:** City Commission

**Initiated By:** City Commission

**Presented By:** City Commission

**Action Requested:** Great Falls Development Authority Board Appointments

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Great Falls Development Authority Board of Directors as City Commission representatives.”

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

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**Staff Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Commission appoint two Commissioners to serve on the Great Falls Development Authority Board of Directors.

**Background:** The City of Great Falls is a member of the Great Falls Development Authority. The Bylaws of the GFDA state that the City Commission will designate two members to serve on the Board of Directors. Currently, Commissioners Bill Bronson and Fred Burow are serving on the Board. Commissioner Bronson is willing to serve another year.

**Purpose**

The Great Falls Development Authority [GFDA] is a private non-profit corporation established in 2002 to promote economic development in the City of Great Falls, Cascade County, and the surrounding region. It is governed by a Board of Directors, which hires a chief executive officer. Meetings are held monthly, usually on Wednesday mornings. Additional meetings are held as required. The time commitment can range from three to ten or more hours per month. Under GFDA By-Laws, the City Commission is allowed two seats (2) on the Board of Directors.

**Evaluation and Selection Process**

GFDA By-laws provide that the City Commission shall designate two of its members to serve on the Board of Directors. The manner of selection is left to the Commission.

**Fiscal Impact:** Members serve without compensation.

**Other:** City Commission representatives may at time have to recuse themselves from GFDA business that may directly involve other City business, such as pending land-use applications, grant requests, etc. All Board members are required to submit a conflict-of-interest statement as part of their participation.