



Item: Appointment to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships
From: City Manager's Office
Initiated By: City Commission
Presented By: City Commission
Action Requested: Appoint one new member to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint _____ to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for a three-year term 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 appoint one new member to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for a three-year term through March 31, 2015.

Background: Anders Blewett was appointed to the ACIR in July of 2009. Mr. Blewett is not interested in reappointment.

Advertising for the vacant position 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 position has been done through the local media and on the City's website.

Continuing members of this board are:

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

Citizens interested in serving on this Board:

Paul Gallardo III

Concurrences: The Advisory Commission on International Relationships supports the appointment of Mr. Gallardo.

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)