



Item: Appointments to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: City Commission

Presented By: City Commission

Action Requested: Appoint new members and reappoint two members to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

"I move that the City Commission appoint _____ and _____ and reappoint Janet McLeod and Kay Silk to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for three-year terms through March 31, 2016."

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

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Commission appoint two new members and reappoint Janet McLeod and Kay Silk to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for three-year terms through March 31, 2016.

Background: Janet McLeod and Kay Silk were appointed to the ACIR in 2010. Both Ms. McLeod and Ms. Silk are eligible for and interested in reappointment.

There are currently six vacancies on the ACIR. The term of Carol Lindseth, Chair, expires on March 31, 2013. Ms. Lindseth is not eligible for reappointment, however, she is willing to serve until a replacement is found for her position. The Official Code for the City of Great Falls states members serve until a successor is appointed. The other five members have either moved from Great Falls or are no longer interested in serving. At this time, two applications have been received for consideration for appointment.

Advertising for the vacant positions is ongoing through the local media and on the City's website.

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.

Continuing members of this board are:

Cyndi Baker
Bob Kelly
Paul Gallardo

Citizens interested in serving:

Dean Koffler
Sandra Erickson

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Attachments: Applications

(Not available online; on file in City Clerk’s Office.)