



**Item:** Appointments, Great Falls Planning Advisory Board

**From:** City Manager's Office

**Initiated By:** City Commission

**Presented By:** City Commission

**Action Requested:** Reappoint two members and appoint one new member to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission reappoint Cheryl Patton and Heidi Pasek and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to three-year terms ending on December 31, 2016, to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board.”

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

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**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Commission reappoint Cheryl Patton and Heidi Pasek and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ for three-year terms ending on December 31, 2016, to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board.

**Background:** The terms of Martin Byrnes, Cheryl Patton, and Heidi Pasek expired on December 31, 2013. Mr. Byrnes is not eligible for reappoint since he recently moved outside of the City limits. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint one member to fill his term. Ms. Patton and Ms. Pasek are both eligible for and interested in reappointment.

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 vacancy was done through the local media and on the City of Great Falls website.

**Concurrences:** At its January 14, 2014, meeting, the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board recommended the appointment of Jana Cooper. Anthony Houtz was the runner up candidate.

Continuing members of this board are:

Dana Ball  
J. Scot Davis  
Sophia Sparklin  
Mark Striepe  
Wyman Taylor  
R. Nathan (Nate) Weisenburger

Citizens interested in serving on this board are:

Jana Cooper  
Kendall Cox  
Matthew Grobosky  
Anthony Houtz

**Fiscal Impact:** Not applicable.

**Alternatives:** Advertise to seek other citizen interest.

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