



**CITY OF GREAT FALLS
COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

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

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission reappoint Dana Henkel and Nathan Weisenburger and appoint _____ to three-year terms beginning on January 1, 2015, and ending on December 31, 2017, 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 Dana Henkel and Nathan Weisenburger and appoint _____ for three-year terms beginning on January 1, 2015, ending on December 31, 2017, to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board.

Background: The terms of Dana Henkel, Nathan Weisenburger and Wyman Taylor expire on December 31, 2014. Mr. Taylor has served on the Board since 2008 and is not eligible for reappointment. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint one member to fill the vacancy. Ms. Henkel and Mr. Weisenburger 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 December 9, 2014, meeting, the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board recommended the appointment of Mitch Stelling.

Continuing members of this board are:

J. Scot Davis
Anthony Houtz
Heidi Pasek
Cheryl Patton
Sophia Sparklin
Mark Striepe

Citizens interested in serving on this board are:

William T. Raaen
Mitch Stelling

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Alternatives: Advertise to seek other citizen interest.

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