



Item: Appointment, Great Falls Planning Advisory Board

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: City Commission

Presented By: City Commission

Action Requested: Appoint one member to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint _____ to fill the remainder of a three-year term 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 appoint one member to fill the remainder of a three-year term ending on December 31, 2017, to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board.

Background: Mitch Stelling was appointed to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2015. Since his appointment, Mr. Stelling acquired a new role with his firm and cannot commit the time required to serve on the Board and subsequently submitted his resignation. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint one member to fill the remainder of his term.

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 March 24, 2015, meeting, the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board recommended the appointment of Josh Sommer.

Continuing members of this board are:

Dana Henkel
J. Scot Davis
Anthony Houtz
Heidi Pasek
Cheryl Patton
Sophia Sparklin
Mark Striepe
Nathan (Nate) Weisenburger

Citizens interested in serving on this board are:

Peter Fontana
Josh Sommer

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Alternatives: Advertise to seek other citizen interest.

Attachments: Applications

Mitch Stelling resignation

Memo regarding Planning Board recommendation

(Attachments not available online; on file in City Clerk's Office.)