



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, 2016, to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board.”

2. Mayor Winters requests a second to the motion, Commission discussion, public comment, and calls for the vote.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Commission appoint one member to fill the remainder of a three-year term ending on December 31, 2016, to the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board.

Summary: Dr. Heidi Pasek began serving on the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board in November 2011 and was reappointed for a three-year term on January 21, 2014. On August 20, 2015, Dr. Pasek submitted her resignation. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint one member to fill the remainder of her term.

Background: 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.

Continuing members of this board are:

J. Scot Davis
Anthony Houtz
Cheryl Patton
Sophia Sparklin
Mark Striepe
Peter Fontana
Nathan (Nate) Weisenburger
Keith Nelson

Citizens interested in serving on this board are:

Michael Kynett
John Gass
Michael Wedekind

Alternatives: Advertise to seek other citizen interest.

Concurrences: At its September 22, 2015, meeting, the Great Falls Planning Advisory Board reviewed the applications for Michael Kynett, John Gass and Michael Wedekind. The Board voted 4-2 to recommend that the City Commission appoint Michael Wedekind to fill the vacancy.

Attachments/Exhibits: Memo regarding Planning Board recommendation Applications

Planning & Community Development Department

MEMO


To: Krista Artis, Executive Assistant

From: Craig Raymond, Director of Planning & Community Development

Date: 9/22/2015

Re: Planning Advisory Board new member recommendation

At the regular meeting of the Planning Advisory Board on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, the Board voted 4 to 2 to recommend that City Commission appoint Michael Wedekind to fill the remainder of a three-year term vacated by Dr. Heidi Pasek expiring on December 31, 2016.

Approved by: 
Craig Raymond, Director P&CD, City of Great Falls



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CITY MANAGER

Thank you for your interest. Citizen volunteers are regularly appointed to the various boards and commissions. This application subject to Montana Right to Know laws.

Board/Commission Applying For: Planning Advisory Board		Date of Application: 8/15/15	
Name: Michael Kynett			
Home Address: 726 6th Avenue NW, Great Falls MT, 59404		Email address: mkynett@m-m.net	
Home Phone: 406-788-6738	Work Phone: 406-454-5104	Cell Phone: 406-788-6738	
Occupation: Civil Engineer		Employer: Morrison Maierle, Inc	
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please explain)			
Are you a registered voter in Cascade County? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Related experiences or background: Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Montana since 2006 Worked for the City of Great Falls Engineering Department from 2006-2013			
Educational Background: Bachelor of Science in General Engineering from Montana Tech - 2003			
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:			
Previous and current service activities: N/A			
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): Worked for City of Great Falls Engineering Department from 2006-2013 - Attended Commission Meetings and Work Sessions to present upcoming projects as well as give updates on ongoing projects. Released press releases for City concerning information on upcoming project and updates. General contact with the public with questions dealing with projects.			

Membership in other community organizations: N/A	
Have you ever worked for or are you currently working for the City of Great Falls? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, where and when? City of Great Falls Engineering Department, 2006-2013	
Do you have any relatives working or serving in any official capacity for the City of Great Falls? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, who, which department, and relationship?	
Have you ever served on a City or County board? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, what board and when did you serve?	
Are you currently serving on a Board? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, which board?	
Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission? During my time working with the City of Great Falls I was able to interact with several Advisory Boards and enjoyed these experiences. I would now like the opportunity to contribute back to the community through the expertise and knowledge I've gained through my prior employment with the City of Great Falls as well as my present and past experience as a civil engineer.	
Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission? I believe with my background and experience as a civil engineer, as well as my past employment with the City of Great Falls, I can bring a good understanding of the community and advise on issues dealing with growth and development.	
Additional comments:	
Signature 	Date: 8/15/15

If you are not selected for the current opening, your application may be kept active for up to one year by contacting the City Manager's office. Should a board/commission vacancy occur within 30 days from the last City Commission appointment, a replacement member may be selected from citizen interest forms submitted from the last advertisement. For more information, contact the City Manager's office at 455-8450.

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Board/Commission Applying For: PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD		Date of Application: 8-20-2015
Name: JOHN W. GASS		
Home Address: 736 32ND AVE NE		Email address: gassjohnw6@yahoo.com
Home Phone: 453-5027	Work Phone:	Cell Phone: 750-4223
Occupation: RETIRED	Employer:	
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please explain)		
Are you a registered voter in Cascade County? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Related experiences or background: HAVE WORKED WITH CITY, COUNTY, & STATE REGARDING PERMITS; HAVE BEEN A BUSINESS OWNER; WORK FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF BUSINESSES IN MONTANA		
Educational Background: NORTHERN MONTANA COLLEGE (MSU-NORTHERN) VOCATIONAL EDUCATION - BS ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AS		
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:		
Previous and current service activities: VOLUNTEER AT GT FALLS RESCUE MISSION; WORKED WITH OTHER CIVIC AND CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS		
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): APPOINTED TO MT STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WHEN FIRST ORGANIZED IN 1990'S, STEPPED DOWN WHEN I SOLD MY TELECOM BUSINESS. HAVE TESTIFIED BEFORE SENATE HEARINGS REGARDING VARIOUS ISSUES, PRIMARILY INVOLVING EDUCATION		

Membership in other community organizations:	
Have you ever worked for or are you currently working for the City of Great Falls? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, where and when?	
Do you have any relatives working or serving in any official capacity for the City of Great Falls? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, who, which department, and relationship?	
Have you ever served on a City or County board? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, what board and when did you serve?	
Are you currently serving on a Board? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, which board?	
Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission? I HAVE LIVED IN MONTANA ALL MY LIFE AND GREAT FALLS FOR A TOTAL OF 20+ YEARS. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, AND ALSO SEE IT GROWING AND DESIRE TO SEE THAT GROWTH BE WELL-PLANNED	
Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission? HAVE MANY YEARS WORKING FOR AND OWNING BUSINESSES AND UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY OF PROPER PLANNING, PLANNING GROWTH, ADVERSITY/HARD TIMES. I HAVE A HIGH LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL.	
Additional comments: WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO ADDING MY EXPERIENCE AND INSIGHT TO THIS BOARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION	
Signature 	Date: 8-20-15

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Board/Commission Applying For: Planning Board		Date of Application: 8-31-15	
Name: Michael J. Wedekind			
Home Address: 3505 5th St NE		Email address: greatfalls@windsonplywood.com	
Home Phone:	Work Phone: (406) 452-1956	Cell Phone: (406) 750-5865	
Occupation: General Mgr		Employer: Windson Plywood	
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please explain)			
Are you a registered voter in Cascade County? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Related experiences or background:			
Educational Background: 4 years of College			
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:			
Previous and current service activities: I am currently the Past chair of the Military Affairs Committee			
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): None			

Membership in other community organizations: Chamber of Commerce GF Home Builders Assoc. Missouri river flyfishers	Contributor to "Hooked on Fishing not Drugs"
Have you ever worked for or are you currently working for the City of Great Falls? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, where and when?	
Do you have any relatives working or serving in any official capacity for the City of Great Falls? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, who, which department, and relationship?	
Have you ever served on a City or County board? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, what board and when did you serve?	
Are you currently serving on a Board? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, which board?	
Military Affairs Committee	
Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission? I've Always Enjoyed a strong sense of community and believe that services or volunteers for that "Community" will only make it stronger	
Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission? I run a business here in town "Windson Plywood" I have also helped or been a member of various Boards with the "MAC" getting the most of my Attention	
Additional comments: Thanks for your Consideration	
Signature 	Date: 8-31-15

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