



**Item:** Appointment, Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board

**From:** City Manager's Office

**Initiated By:** City Commission

**Presented By:** City Commission

**Action Requested:** Appointment to the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board

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**Suggested Motion:**

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the remainder of a three-year term through December 31, 2016, to the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board.”

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

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**Staff Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Commission appointment one member to fill the remainder of a three-year term through December 31, 2016, to the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board.

**Summary:**

Michael Gilboe was appointed to the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board in January of 2014 to a term expiring December 31, 2016. Mr. Gilboe has resigned from his position on the Board. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint one member to fill the remainder of his term.

**Background:**

The Civic Center Advisory Board was created in 1997 and was amended by Ord. 2928 in February of 2006 to change the name to the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board. The Board acts in an advisory capacity to the City Commission and the City Manager on matters related to the successful operation of the Civic Center as the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts and public meeting rooms. The Board consists of five to seven members with an attempt to have representation from the areas of performing arts, conventions and meetings, and civic leaders.

Evaluation and Selection Process

The vacancy has been posted on the City of Great Falls website and advertised through the local media.

Continuing members of this board are:

	Term:
Carl Donovan	1/15/13 – 12/31/15
Kelly Manzer	1/01/14 – 12/31/16
Edward (Larry) Gomoll	12/20/11 – 12/31/17
Keern Haslem	1/15/13 – 12/31/15
Allen Lanning	1/06/15 – 12/31/16
Tracy Houck	3/03/15 – 12/31/15

Citizens interested in serving are:

Pamela Bennett

**Concurrences:** At its October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, meeting, the Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Board recommended the appointment of Pamela Bennett.

**Fiscal Impact:** Not applicable.

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

**Attachments/Exhibits:** Application  
Email regarding recommendation



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CITIZEN INTEREST FORM  
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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. CITY MANAGER

Board/Commission Applying For: <b>Mansfield Performing Arts Advisory Board</b>		Date of Application: <b>February 9, 2015</b>
Name: <b>Pamela Bennett</b>		
Home Address: <b>1717 Mountainview Drive Great Falls Montana 59405</b>		Email address: <b>pbennett@wendtagency.com</b>
Home Phone: <b>406 771 7980</b>	Work Phone: <b>406 454 8500</b>	Cell Phone: <b>406 231 4000</b>
Occupation: <b>Senior Media Planner</b>		Employer: <b>Wendt Agency</b>
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: I have served on committees for Ad Club as well as volunteering my time for the former Ad Club Art Auction. I have served as a volunteer/publicity coordinator for a former Ballet company-Missouri River Dance Company. I assisted with all press and publicity coordination for the Lewis and Clark Ballet -Tremendous Journey and the Montana Nutcracker which were performed at the Mansfield Center and were very well attended for local area productions.		
Educational Background: Great Falls High School, University of Montana-Missoula. B.A. Broadcast Journalism, then obtained a M.B.A-Marketing from the University of Montana-Missoula.		
<b>IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:</b>		
Previous and current service activities: Previous: Great Falls Ad Club Missouri River Dance Company Montana Special Olympics		
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): None.		

**Membership in other community organizations:**

My work at the agency is developing marketing plans for the boards and committees of the Great Falls CVB, Great Falls TBID, Great Falls Airport Authority, Central Montana, Butte CVB/TBID, Helena CVB/TBID, Havre TBID, Glacier Country, West Yellowstone TBID/CVB, Montana's Missouri River Country and other tourism related organizations. While I am not a member of these boards, I work very closely with them and a number of community minded local and regional clients for the Wendt Agency.

Have you ever worked for or are you currently working for the City of Great Falls? Yes  No  If yes, where and when?

Do you have any relatives working or serving in any official capacity for the City of Great Falls? Yes  No  If yes, who, which department, and relationship?

Have you ever served on a City or County board? Yes  No  If yes, what board and when did you serve?

Are you currently serving on a Board? Yes  No  If yes, which board?

**Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission?**

I would like to involve myself more in the community and civic interests. I have some background in the arts, music, dance and theatre performance and have a good understanding of the community of Great Falls and what the cultural interests are within our community. Being a Great Falls native, but traveling and attending other cultural events outside of Great Falls, I hope any input I could lend could broaden the view and bring a bit more cultural variety to Great Falls.

**Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission?**

My passion for dance performance primarily. I have seen great ballets and dance companies. I love dance and stage performances about dance. My daughter is a dancer, with classical training, and now freelances as circus arts performer and festival performer. I also toured Europe in college with a youth choir group, and sang with the UM University Choir as well as the very distinguished Delphian Choir in Great Falls. I performed in high school theatre groups, sang in a large combination University symphony/chorale performance of Bach's The Passion. I am an avid listener of Public Radio and Opera so I have a large breadth of musical interests from Opera, Folk, Classical to Jazz and even Electronic House music-which is now one of my favorites. :-)

**Additional comments:**

I would like to serve on a civic board. My employer views volunteering our time to our community and cultural interests as valuable to our organization. I think I could lend some fresh perspective to the board. I work downtown across from the Civic Center, so it is great when the Mansfield Center is being used to its fullest capacity and serving the community with events, performances and being used for intended purposes.

Signature

[Redacted Signature]

Date:

2/9/15

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.

**Return this form to:**  
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Great Falls, MT 59403

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(406) 727-0005

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## Krista Artis

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**From:** Dona Hughes  
**Sent:** Friday, October 16, 2015 5:17 PM  
**To:** Krista Artis  
**Subject:** Pam Bennett Board appl

Krista,

At today's Mansfield Center for the Performing Arts Advisory Board meeting, the Board voted (4-0-0) to recommend to the City Commission the appointment of Pamela Bennett.

Dona

Dona Hughes, Mansfield Supervisor  
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