



**CITY OF GREAT FALLS
COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

Item: Reappointment and Appointment to the Community Development Council

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: City Commission

Presented By: City Commission

Action Requested: Reappoint one member and appoint another member to the Community Development Council.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission reappoint Jennifer Fines and appoint _____ to fill three-year terms through October 31, 2019, to the Community Development Council.”

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

Summary: Jennifer Fines was appointed in January 2016 to fill the remainder of a three year term through October 31, 2016. She is eligible and interested in serving a full three year term. The Community Development Council currently has three vacancies on the Council. Jolene Bach and Dave Fink were appointed in 2011 and have served two full terms thus not eligible for reappointment. Steve Pretat was appointed in 2013 but has since moved out of state.

Background:

A Press Release was done on September 14, 2016, and the openings were also posted on the City of Great Falls website. One application has been received at this time. The City will continue to advertise for the remaining two openings until they can be filled.

Purpose

To ensure citizen participation in the CDBG allocation process, a ten-member volunteer advisory board is appointed by the City Commission. The Community Development Council makes funding recommendations for projects applying for CDBG funding to the City Commission. Members must live within the city limits.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Advertising was done through a press release to the local media and on the City of Great Falls Website. One application was received. City Staff is recommending appointment of Craig Nowak.

Ms Fines is eligible and is interested in serving her first full term. City Staff is recommending her reappointment.

Citizens interested in serving on this council:

Craig Nowak

Citizens interested in reappointment to this council:

Jennifer Fines

Continuing members of this council:

Elizabeth Schmidt

Tyler Hentzen

Neil Fortier

William Raaen

Dave Sutinen

Harmony Wolfe

Alternatives: Advertise to seek other citizen interest.

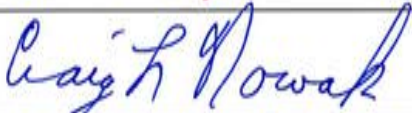
Attachments/Exhibits: Application



**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CITIZEN INTEREST FORM
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

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: Community Development Council		Date of Application: October 27, 2016
Name: Craig Nowak		
Home Address: 134 29A Aveune NE Great Falls, MT 59404		Email address: cnowak@m-m.net
Home Phone: (406) 452-1412	Work Phone: (406) 454-5101	Cell Phone: (406) 788-4972
Occupation: Civil Engineer		Employer: Morrison-Maierle
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please explain)		
Related experiences or background: As a civil engineer, I have worked with various municipalities and utility districts on public works projects to secure funding and to design and manage the respective construction project.		
Educational Background: B.S. Civil Engineering M.S. Civil Engineering		
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:		
Previous and current service activities: United Way: 1) Review funding requests/proposals from GF service organizations. 2) Day of Caring volunteer. North Central MT Science Fairs: Judge for elementary and middle school science fairs. Math Counts: Test proctor for Great Falls competitions.		
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): None.		
Membership in other community organizations: 30-year member Great Falls Cross Country Club, including officer positions.		

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? After 30+ years of experience in public works projects, I realize how important CDBG funding can be in order to make a project possible. At the same time and recognizing the limited funding, I also see the necessity to spend the funds wisely.	
Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission? As a civil engineer involved with public works projects in the Great Falls region for over 30 years, I have gained an understanding of project success - from conception and funding to design and construction. This experience allows me to objectively review proposed projects for viability and priority. I also can evaluate the true need for an improvement project	
Additional comments: A renewed enthusiasm for Great Falls has come about in the past few years when considering economic development. This continues today with frequent announcements and with the recent school bond vote. Our public works and public facilities must also keep up in order to keep Great Falls a vibrant community. I want to be a part of this whole experience and I want to lend my service to the community and to this Council.	
Signature 	Date: 10/27/16

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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