



Item: Consideration of Great Falls Transit District Board Appointment

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: Great Falls Transit District Board

Presented By: City Commission

Action Requested: Appoint a member to the Great Falls Transit District Board

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint _____ to the Great Falls Transit District Board for the remainder of a four-year term through November 30, 2018.”

Or

“I move that the City Commission (accept/not accept) applications for the Great Falls Transit District board position and advertise for other citizen interest for the vacancy.”

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

Background: Tim Scott Braulick was appointed to the Great Falls Transit District Board on October 7, 2014 and reappointed on January 20, 2015. Mr. Braulick missed several meetings during 2016 and was removed from the Board by the City Commission during the Commission meeting on November 15, 2016.

Purpose

The Great Falls Transit District Board is comprised of five members – three elected, one appointed by the City Commission, and one appointed by Cascade County Commissioners. The Board governs the Great Falls Transit District. The Board is responsible for determining an appropriate mill levy, preparing and presenting a budget, and overseeing all aspects of the District, including operations, maintenance and administration.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Advertising was done on the City website and through the local media. Two applications were received.

During the City Commission meeting on November 15, 2016 the City Commission recommended conducting interviews with the candidates for this Board. Interviews were scheduled for December 6, 2016 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Gibson Room.

Citizens interested in serving on this board are:

Donna Zook
Shyla Patera

Continuing members of this board are:

Laurel Gebo (County appointee)
Ann Marie Meade (Elected)
Kenneth Johnson (Elected)
Carl Donovan (Elected)

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Alternatives: The Commission could choose not to appoint one of the applicants and advertise to seek other citizen interest for the vacancy.

Attachments/Exhibits: Applications



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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: GREAT FALLS TRANSIT DISTRICT (GFTD) BOARD		Date of Application: 09/02/2016
Name: DONNA M. ZOOK		
Home Address: 2718 CARMEL DR. G.F. 59404		Email address: d2ook@montana.com
Home Phone: 406-453-6393	Work Phone: 406-453-5638	Cell Phone: —
Occupation: LICENSED FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST	Employer: OWN MY BUSINESS FORENSIC COUNSELING SERVICE 1601 2ND. AVE. No. STE. 620, GF 59401	
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: I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS.		
Educational Background: PH.D PLANT PATHOLOGY - UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA - 1984 PH.D CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY - ALLIANT UNIVERSITY, CA 1994 POST DOCTORAL MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY 2010 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS FOR STATE LICENSURE		
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:		
Previous and current service activities: LEADERSHIP MONTANA CLASS 2013 CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY 2012 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY 2014		
Previous and <u>current</u> public experience (elective or <u>appointive</u>): MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL (MHOAC) 2014-TO-CURRENT		
Membership in other community organizations: I SUPPORT, THROUGH ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL DONATIONS, TO THE GF SYMPONY AND THE MUNICIPAL BAND		

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 BEEN RIDING the BUS SINCE 2010 AND I HAVE ATTENDED A FEW GFTD WORK SESSIONS AND BOARD MEETINGS. I AM INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A VOTING INFLUENCE ON THE COURSE AND DIRECTION OF THE GFTD. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT MORE PUBLICIZED AND EXPANDED IN WAYS BENEFICIAL *APPROPRIATE TO THE COMMUNITY.	
Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission? BOARD OF DIRECTORS - GIRL SCOUTS USA 2006-2009 BOD - FOR QUALITY LIFE CONCEPTS (QLC) 2003-2008 - OFFICER FROM 2006-2008 OFFICER BOD MONTANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (MPA) 1999-2010 MONTANA CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD 1999-2003	
Additional comments: SINCE I HAVE BEEN RIDING the BUS I HAVE EXERCIZED MORE, LOST WEIGHT, REDUCED GASOLINE COSTS, CONTRIBUTED TO THE REDUCTION OF POLLUTION * TRAFFIC, AND AVOIDED DEALING WITH ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. I WOULD ENCOURAGE MORE PUBLICITY WITH RESPECT TO THE MANY ADVANTAGES OF BUS RIDING. FOR BOTH PASSENGERS AND THE COMMUNITY.	
Signature Dorinda M. Zool	Date: 09/02/2016

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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P.O. Box 5021
Great Falls, MT 59403

Fax:
(406) 727-0005

Email:
kartis@greatfallsmt.net



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Board/Commission Applying For: GFT Transit Board		Date of Application: 11-16-16
Name: Shylia Patena		
Home Address: 1013 7th Avenue Northwest Great Falls, Montana 59404		Email address: ncils.patena@bresnan.net shycpatena@bresnan.net
Home Phone: (406) 866-0552	Work Phone: 406-452-9834	Cell Phone: (406) 781-1885
Occupation: IL Specialist	Employer: North Central IL Services	
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: I serve as chair for GFTAC that assists senior and disabled providers at they rank (Capita) Review Projects.		
Educational Background: Bachelor of Arts Montana State University Political Science 1993		
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:		
Previous and current service activities: I serve on Neighborhood Council #2 I am a citizen attendee on the local MPO. I Chair the GFTAC and I also advocate for transit and transportation accessibility in all forms through the Montana Independent Living Network		
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): I serve on Neighborhood Council #2		
Membership in other community organizations: N/A		

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Have you ever served on a City or County board? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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? Neighborhood Council # 2	
Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission? As a rider of GFT Paratransit and an advocate, I believe that a rider's voice should be accounted for on this Board. I also am a longtime transit advocate.	
Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission? I serve as GAAC Chair which assists senior and disabled transportation providers as they secure Capital Funding. I am a Citizen attendee of the MPOTAC.	
Additional comments:	
Signature: Shyla C. Patere	Date: 11-17-18

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