



To: MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item #: VIII. A.

From: Mary Brindle and Joni Bennett

Action

Discussion

Date: July 15th, 2014

Information

Subject: Student Board and Commission interviews and recommendations for appointment

Action Requested:

Adopt recommended appointments.

Information / Background:

A record number of students - 58 - applied this year for 16 positions. MJ Lamon worked with the students to accommodate work and travel and scheduled interviews for Tuesday, June 10; Thursday, June 12; Wednesday, June 18 and Thursday, June 19. Three students withdrew and two failed to appear as scheduled.

We personally interviewed all remaining students (32 rising seniors, 20 rising juniors and one rising sophomore). Board and commission chairs were invited to participate. We are grateful that several were able to help us this year: Ray Meifert, Arts & Culture Commission Chair; Michael Birdman, Heritage Preservation Board Chair; Ryan Weber, HPB member; Jan Seidman, Human Rights & Relations Commission Chair; Dan Gieseke, Park Board Chair; Katherine Bass, Transportation Commission Chair and Paul Nelson, ETC past chair.

By ordinance, students are appointed to boards and commissions for one-year terms. Historically, students have served just one term. In the past several years, we found that when the work of a board or commission was particularly complex or a project on which a student was working continued from year to year, reappointment to a second term served both the student and the commission. This year, we worked very hard to balance continuity with opportunity, and are recommending the reappointment of just four students.

The board and commission attendance ordinance applies to all board and commission members. During the interviews, we always ask students about their availability and advise them of the importance of regular attendance. However, historically, students have been given more leeway. This year, because the numbers of well-qualified applicants and positions are so mismatched, we are recommending that student attendance be reviewed at the end of December, and that students who have not attended at least 75% of the September to December meetings be replaced with alternates.

We recommend the appointment of the students listed below to the respective boards and commissions (alternates are in ranked order):

Arts & Culture Commission

Sophia Munic (senior - reappointment)

Jack Ready (junior - reappointment)

Alternates - Claire Lindgren (senior), (Jenna) Claire Kramer (senior)

Community Health Commission

Aditya Mittal (junior - reappointment)

Magen Puerzer (senior)

Alternates - Matthew Jirsa (senior), Emily Reinke (junior)

Energy & Environment Commission

Reilly Anderson (senior)

Sunaya Padmanabhan (senior)

Alternates - Ezra Sergent-Leventhal (senior), Maria Kloiber (junior), Emily Ding (junior)

Heritage Preservation Board

Joseph Druckman (senior)

Peter Otness (junior)

Alternates - Drew Sposeep (senior), Radhika Tandon (junior)

Human Rights & Relations Commission

Nicole Gates (junior)

Katrina Weinert (senior)

Alternates - Christina Wagner (senior), Amy Fang (senior)

Park Board

Asef Chowdhury (senior)

Graham Colwell (senior)

Alternates - Talia Willmert (junior), William Staunton (junior)

Planning Commission

Taylor Halva (senior - reappointment)

Madison Seeley (junior)

Alternates - Aanik Lohani (junior), Annie Moorhead (senior)

Transportation Commission

Jack Campbell (senior)

Anna Rummel (senior)

Alternates - Rosalie Bruns (junior), Talia Willmert (junior)