

CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA  
AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA # 25  
DATE August 3, 2004

ITEM Appointments, Advisory Commission on International Relationships  
INITIATED BY City Commission

ACTION REQUESTED Appoint Three Members

PRESENTED BY City Commission

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**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the City Commission appoint three members to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships.

**MOTION:** I move the City Commission appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships to fill the remainder of a two-year term expiring March 31, 2005; and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to serve terms ending March 31, 2005, and March 31, 2007, respectively.

**SYNOPSIS:** Lori Larson was appointed for a two-year term on December 16, 2003. Ms. Larson recently resigned from the Advisory Commission on International Relationships. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint one new member to fill the remainder of her term. The Advisory Commission on International Relationships recommends the appointment of two members to fill the additional positions created by Ordinance 2863.

**BACKGROUND:** International programs are growing for many reasons. Rapid changes in communications technology, globalization of the marketplace, and political changes in the last decade have all contributed to an increasing awareness these trends will accelerate in the future. Communities, as well as individuals, businesses, and institutions will need to learn to participate in the "global village," or be left behind economically or in other ways. In order for the City to take a leadership role in nurturing and coordinating some of the international efforts, the Advisory Commission on International Relationships was created by Ordinance 2788 on November 8, 2000, and amended by Ordinance 2863 on October 21, 2003. The Commission provides support, coordination, and exchange of information for international programs in the community. The Commission consists of nine to eleven members.

Current members include:

Aart Dolman  
Sara Hopkins Schoenenberger  
Robert E. Harris  
Ella Mae Howard  
Judith L. McKay  
Virginia "Lee" Niebuhr  
Vandana Damany  
Sandra Erickson

Citizens interested in serving include:

Bill Wilson  
John W. Parker  
Marilyn M. Swenson  
Patricia A. Craumer  
Tom Selstad