

**CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA
AGENDA REPORT**

**AGENDA # 13
DATE March 1, 2005**

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

ACTION REQUESTED Reappoint Four Members

PRESENTED BY City Commission

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RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Commission reappoint four members to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships.

MOTION: I move the City Commission reappoint Ella Mae Howard, Sara Hopkins Schoenenberger, Bill Wilson, and Marilyn Swenson to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships for three-year terms ending March 31, 2008.

SYNOPSIS: Following are the original appointment dates for the members recommended for reappointment. All are eligible for and interested in reappointment.

Name	Original Appointment Date	Term Expiration Date
Ella Mae Howard	July 16, 2002	March 31, 2005
Sara Hopkins Schoenenberger	July 15, 2003	March 31, 2005
Bill Wilson	August 3, 2004	March 31, 2005
Marilyn Swenson	August 3, 2004	March 31, 2005

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
- Robert E. Harris
- Judith L. McKay
- Virginia "Lee" Niebuhr
- Vandana Damany
- Sandra Erickson
- Patricia Craumer