



Item: Appointments to the Design Review Board

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: Design Review Board

Presented By: City Commission

Action Requested: Appoint two members to the Design Review Board for three-year terms through March 31, 2011.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint _____ as the architect member and _____ to the Design Review Board for three-year terms through March 31, 2011.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Commission appoint two members to the Design Review Board for three-year terms through March 31, 2010. It is recommended that one of the new appointments be an architect. Experience and knowledge with landscaping would be desirable for the other applicant.

Background: Ordinance 2722 was approved at the March 18, 1997, Commission meeting which amended Titles 2 and 15 of the Official Codes of the City of Great Falls and established the Design Review Board. The adoption of Ord. 2923 in September of 2005, the Land Development Code, re-established the Design Review Board.

Martin Byrnes (architect) has served on the Design Review Board since April of 2002. He is not eligible to be reappointed. Ronald Yates was appointed in April of 2005. Mr. Yates is not interested in reappointment. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint two new members to fill these vacancies.

Purpose

The purpose of the Board is to further promote the health, safety and general welfare of the City. The Board has the authority and responsibility to review specified types of development proposals to ensure that the design and aesthetics conform to the review criteria contained in Title 17. The Board's composition should achieve a diversity of expertise, background, and

interest. The Land Development Code states that it is preferred the board includes two architects and three individuals chosen for their demonstrated interest in and expertise in design or community aesthetics.

Members must reside in the City of Great Falls.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Announcements regarding the openings were placed in the *Great Falls Tribune* and on the City's Website. Applications are submitted to the City Commission for their consideration in making appointments.

Continuing members of this board are:

Donn Bailey
David Cantley (architect)
Jean Price

Citizens interested in serving on this Board:

John Bolton (architect)
Jule Stuver (architect)
Douglas Ormseth
Bruce Forde

Concurrences: Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Alternatives: Continue advertising to seek further citizen input.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Board Applications