



Item: Appointments to the Housing Authority Board

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: Great Falls Housing Authority

Presented By: City Commission

Action Requested: Appoint two members to the Great Falls Housing Authority Board.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint _____ to a five-year term through June 30, 2013, and reappoint Grace McLean as a tenant member for a two-year term through June 30, 2010, to the Great Falls Housing Authority Board.”

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 one new member to the Housing Authority Board for a five-year term through June 30, 2013, and reappoint Grace McLean as a tenant member for a two-year term through June 30, 2010. Expertise in lending and finance is desired.

Background: Daniel Sullivan was appointed to the Housing Authority Board in August of 2003. Mr. Sullivan has served a five-year term and is not eligible to be reappointed. Grace McLean was appointed as a tenant member in October of 2004, was reappointed in 2006, and is eligible to be reappointed for another two-year term. Therefore, it is necessary to reappoint Ms. McLean and one new member. The term of tenant member Albert Anderson expires on May 31, 2008. There have been no applications received from tenant members for consideration at this time. Staff will continue to seek tenant applicants for City Commission consideration.

Purpose

The Great Falls Housing Authority Board consists of seven commissioners appointed by the City Commission. Two commissioners must be residents of the Housing Authority properties. The Board is an independent authority responsible for setting policy for the operation and management of public housing properties, HUD Section 8 program and other affordable housing programs. The Board also serves as the loan committee for the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Board is also responsible for providing safe, decent, sanitary, and affordable

housing for the community's low-income residents. Tenant terms are two years and regular members are five years.

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:

Joseph Boyle
Howard Corey
Timothy McKittrick
Curtis Thompson

Citizens interested in serving on this Board:

Michael J. McCleary

Concurrences: Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Alternatives: Continue advertising to seek further citizen input.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Board Application