



Item: Appointments to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: Advisory Commission on International Relationships

Presented By: City Commission

Action Requested: Appoint two members to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint _____ and _____ to three-year terms through May 31, 2011, to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships.”

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 new members to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships (ACIR) for three-year terms through May 31, 2011.

Background: The terms of Ella Mae Howard and Virginia “Lee” Niebuhr have both expired and neither are eligible for reappointment. Jamie Smith resigned, and Charles Tyler has moved. Therefore, there are four vacancies on the ACIR.

Purpose

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.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Announcements regarding the openings were placed in the *Great Falls Tribune* and on the City's Website. Only two applications were received. Those applications are being submitted to the City Commission for their consideration in making appointments. When additional applications of interest are received, staff will propose additional appointments.

Continuing members of this board are:

Robin Baker
Jay Buckley
Vandana Damany
Aart Dolman
Carol Lindseth
Matthew Murray
Sandra Erickson

Citizens interested in serving on this Board:

Laura McGee
Heather Palermo

Concurrences: Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Alternatives: Continue advertising to seek further citizen interest.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Board Applications