



Item: Appointment to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: City Commission

Presented By: City Commission

Action Requested: Appoint one member to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint _____ to a three-year term through March 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 one new member to the Advisory Commission on International Relationships (ACIR) for a three-year term through March 31, 2011.

Background: ACIR members Jamie Smith resigned, and Charles Tyler has moved; therefore, there are two 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. One application was received. This application is being submitted to the City Commission for their consideration in making an appointment. If additional applications of interest are received, staff will propose another appointment.

Continuing members of this board are:

Robin Baker
Jay Buckley
Vandana Damany
Aart Dolman
Laura McGee
Carol Lindseth
Matthew Murray
Heather Palermo
Sandra Erickson

Citizens interested in serving on this Board:

Christina Barsky

Concurrences: Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Alternatives: Continue advertising to seek further citizen interest.

Attachments/Exhibits:

Board Application