



Item: Appointments to the Park and Recreation Board

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: City Commission

Presented By: City Commission

Action Requested: Reappoint one member and appoint two new members to the Park and Recreation Board

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission reappoint Bryan Thies and appoint _____ and _____ to three-year terms beginning January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2011, to the Park and Recreation 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 reappoint Bryan Thies and appoint two new members to the Park and Recreation Board beginning January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2011.

Background: Bryan Thies was appointed to the Park and Recreation Board on February 21, 2006. Mr. Thies is eligible for and interested in reappointment. Ruthann Knudson was appointed to the Board in February of 2006. Ms. Knudson is eligible for, but not interested in being reappointed. John Trovatten was appointed to the Board in March of 2001. Mr. Trovatten is not eligible to be reappointed. Therefore, it necessary to appoint two new members to the Board.

Purpose. The Park and Recreation Board consists of seven members who act in an advisory capacity to the City Commission and the City Manager on all matters related to the Park and Recreation program in the City of Great Falls. Per City Ordinance, members must reside within the City.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Advertising was done on the City's website and through the *Great Falls Tribune*. Four applications were received.

Continuing members of this board are:

Tim Austin
Doug Hickey
David Simmons
Kelly Timmer

Citizens interested in serving on this board are:

Darren M. Brown (*also applied for Parking Advisory Commission*)
Russell Motschenbacher
James F. (Jim) McCarvel (*also applied for Community Development Council –
appointments scheduled to be made in January 2009*)
Karen Harant

Concurrences: Not applicable.

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Alternatives: Advertise to seek other citizen interest.

Attachments/Exhibits: Applications (Not available online.)