

MINUTES
APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
APRIL 12, 2021 - 4:30 P.M.
CITY HALL FORUM
100 STATE STREET
BELOIT, WI 53511

Chairman Dan Gifford called the regular meeting of the Appointment Review Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. Due to "Safer at Home" restrictions on in-person meetings, members participated via video conference or phone.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Dan Gifford, Daniel Barolsky, Dorothy Harrell, Paul Martin, Mardell Jacobsen, Yusuf Adama, Pamela George, Council President Regina Dunkin, Council Vice President Clinton Anderson

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff: Pam Lathrop, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

2. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by Pam George to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Mardell Jacobsen. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (April - May, 2021):

Accepted as sent.

4. Review of Recent City Council appointments (March 15, 2021):

Accepted as sent.

5. Review of applicants for vacancies with recommendation(s) to City Council:

Committee agreed to take appointments out of the order as listed on agenda.

Landmarks Commission

There are two applicants for two vacancies. Motion by Paul Martin to recommend the appointment of **Celestino Ruffini**, 2366 Hyacinth Ct. (replacing Rick McGrath) to a term ending October 31, 2022. Seconded by Daniel Barolsky and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (7-0).

Motion by Paul Martin to recommend the appointment of **Lucas Carter**, 2223 Portland Ave. (replacing Stephen Truesdale) to a term ending October 31, 2023. Seconded by Daniel Barolsky and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (7-0).

Plan Commission

Motion by Paul Martin to recommend the reappointment of incumbent **Judy Robson** to a term ending April 30, 2024. Seconded by Daniel Barolsky and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (7-0).

Motion by Paul Martin to recommend the appointment of **Brian Anderson**, 2365 Casey Ct. (replacing Charles Haynes) to a term ending April 30, 2024. Seconded by Daniel Barolsky and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (7-0).

Community Development Authority

Yusuf Adama left the meeting.

Motion by Daniel Barolsky to recommend the appointment of **Jasmine Hartke**, 1533 McKinley Ave. (replacing Martrius Hyler) to a term ending December 31, 2023. Seconded by Paul Martin and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote (6-0).

Board of Appeals

This was applicant's second choice. Applicant was recommended for appointment to the committee of their first choice.

Police and Fire Commission

Mardell Jacobsen left the meeting as her daughter has submitted an application.

There are five applications on file, with one vacancy.

Paul Martin brought up the name of Jeffrey Marchillo. He feels Mr. Marchillo would be a good addition due to his knowledge.

Daniel Barolsky stated that he has no objections to any of the applicants, but based on the applications, he is leaning towards recommending Nailah Adama. She has a history of dealing with challenges and a good perspective on restorative justice in the School District. Motion by Daniel Barolsky to recommend the appointment of **Nailah Diani Adama**, 1762 Poole Court (replacing Ralph Berkley). Seconded by Paul Martin and discussion ensued. Dorothy Harrell asked if our nomination goes to Council. Regina Dunkin answered that the Council interviews but usually adheres to the Appointment Review Committee’s recommendation. The interview with the candidate is public but the public does not give input. No other discussion. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote (5-0).

Traffic Review Committee

This was applicant Jasmine Hartke’s third choice. She was appointed to her first choice, Community Development Authority.

6. Committee Comments:

Committee Comments were brought up prior to “Review of Applicants,” and again at the appropriate time on the agenda.

Dorothy Harrell asked why the designation of Westside/Eastside is on the vacancy list. Mardell Jacobsen asked if that’s a reason to turn someone down. Dan Gifford explained that would only come into consideration if it were a requirement of the committee. Yusuf Adama notified the committee that he is in a relationship with one of the applicants and will excuse himself from the conversation for that committee. Daniel Barolsky asked why he was allowed to be present when he was considered for reappointment to the Appointment Review Committee. Dan Gifford said in the future we will follow the practice of having the ARC member leave the room when their reappointment discussion takes place. City Attorney Beth Krueger explained that having the person leave the room will avoid undue influence on the remaining committee members.

Paul Martin commented that we are doing a great job in filling committee vacancies.

Daniel Barolsky commented that he appreciated the discussion about participating in meetings when there may be conflicts of interest when considering applicants or incumbents.

7. Public Comment:

No public comments.

8. Adjournment:

Motion by Daniel Barolsky to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dorothy Harrell. Meeting adjourned.

Dan Gifford, Chairperson

Date

Daniel Barolsky, Vice-Chairperson

Date