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MAYOR'S ADVISORY BOARD

**CITY HALL
FINANCE CONFERENCE ROOM
505 BUTLER PLACE
PARK RIDGE, IL 60068**

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

I. Roll Call

Chairman Mazzuca called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following indicated their presence: Chairman Mazzuca, Ald. Wilkening, Ald. Melidosian, and Ald. Moran (arr. 6:05 p.m.).

Deputy Clerk Peterson recorded the minutes.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. March 20, 2017

Moved by Chairman Mazzuca. Seconded by Ald. Wilkening.

Motion carried; voice vote.

Chairman Mazzuca suggested holding off at the end of the meeting on any deliberations for Appearance Commission candidates until the next time the board meets.

III. Interviews

- Appearance Commission (1 vacancy) for a 5-year term
- O'Hare Airport Commission (2 vacancies) for 3-year terms
- Community Health Commission (2 vacancies) for 4-year terms
- Youth Services Commission (2 vacancies) for 3-year terms

6:00 p.m. Tracy Holmes – Appearance Commission – new

Chairman Mazzuca explained the interview process and what to expect if recommended for appointment.

Ms. Holmes holds a degree in interior design. She works with both interior and exterior projects, and has completed approximately 400 projects. She likes to blend products with the buyer with the clients brand; this is the Park Ridge brand. You need to envision where Park Ridge is headed. She loves her work and completing beautiful projects.

When questioned by the Board, she indicated that she would recuse herself if a case came before the Commission in which she was involved. She is aware of the Urban Design guidelines and believes they are straight forward, clear and conservative. It is a living document that needs to be updated from time to time since things change. She has attended meetings. She loves where she lives; a rising tide raises all boats. If every project is beautiful as it can be, others will benefit. She previously lived in Jefferson Park. Conservatism does not mean you are stuck; it makes you think more. In what she saw of the Commission, she does not know if any changes are required.

6:10 p.m. Jeffrey Franckowiak – Community Health Commission –new

Chairman Mazzuca explained the interview process and what to expect if recommended for appointment.

Mr. Franckowiak was born and raised in Park Ridge. He was not aware that the City had a Community Health Commission. He attended the meeting last month. He would like to help and participate in any way possible. He holds a Civil Engineering degree in the Environmental and Water option. He has been a personal trainer for the last twelve years and has experience in event planning which he believes could help the Commission.

His business is the Tone-Up Club; he is active with the school districts and the community. After attending 4 years of college, he returned to Park Ridge. He moved to Australia and lived there for 4 years, and again, returned to Park Ridge. He is married and has two children. He intends to have Park Ridge his home. Ald. Mazzuca suggested keeping a clear line between his business and the Commission, if appointed. Ald. Moran Mentioned that he has known the applicant for a long period of time. The appointment would be for a four-year term.

6:20 p.m. Jack Barnette – O'Hare Airport Commission – new

Chairman Mazzuca explained the interview process and what to expect if recommended for appointment.

Mr. Barnette has lived in the community for a long time and has been impacted by aircraft noise. He finds the airport convenient but also recognizes that the noise will not go away. He believes his technical background would prove to be an asset to the Commission; he worked for the EPA for 38 years and dealt with air pollution, conducted research, and monitoring. He believes it is difficult to separate the pollution sources that we get from the highways and the aircraft. He believes that his experience as an environmental scientist would prove to be beneficial to the Commission. He is interested in working with strategies to mitigate the problems. He also suggested further investigation be considered to utilize Rockford's airport and any other alternatives. He can bring technical expertise as a member and help as the City argues for relief.

He is very impressed with what the group is doing and its expertise but believes he could bring more to the human impact increasing the level of the group. He has been doing some research on the Rockford Airport which has two long runways. UPS currently flies into Rockford. There is a great deal of undeveloped land in Rockford with an opportunity for possible expansion. The City cannot give up the good fight going and must continue using common sense to find solutions to the problems. He believes any type of financial relief is also helpful for soundproofing and should be expanded.

6:30 p.m. Anthony Monteleone – Appearance Commission – new

Chairman Mazzuca explained the interview process and what to expect if recommended for appointment.

Mr. Monteleone recently moved to Park Ridge from Norridge and served on its Appearance Commission for 8 months. He understands residents may become defensive if their project is not approved or if they are given criticism. He also has some zoning experience. Park Ridge has a great deal of character. He is a developer and home builder with completed projects in Park Ridge. It is always a learning experience when architects come in with plans implementing new design while maintaining the character of the community. You need to be open minded and know the questions to ask.

When questioned by the Board, he indicated that he has come before the Appearance Commission for his projects in the City. If appointed, he would recuse himself if there was any conflict. He was not familiar with the Urban Design Guidelines. He was ready to make a 5-year commitment to serve. In his experience with Park Ridge and its Appearance Commission, he has never had any issues. The building department has been phenomenal to work with. He left Norridge because there was no forward thinking or growth. Everything was just okay going nowhere; it was not acceptable to him.

6:35 p.m. Rebecca Little – Youth Services Commission – new

Chairman Mazzuca explained the interview process and what to expect if recommended for appointment.

She is a freelance writer with two young children. She has lived in Park Ridge for seven years and is a member of Go Green. She is always looking for new ways to become active in the community. During college, she served as a camp counselor for teens and tweens and a liner for switchboard for the national teen run-a-way hotline to find shelters and services. She served as the interim head of Chicago magazine's fact checking department assisting college interns with fact-checking and reporting skills. She is interested in serving because she believes many teenagers feel overlooked and a little listening and involvement from an adult goes a long way.

She would like to help them learn that they are a valuable part of the community and help them plan activities that will get their peers involved. She would like to see their suggestions become realities.

She has not yet attended any meetings but has reviewed the minutes. She fell into the job as a camp counselor and enjoyed working with the kids. Ald. Moran liked the fact that she was there to support the kids ideas.

6:40 p.m. Randy Derifield – Appearance Commission – new

Chairman Mazzuca explained the interview process and what to expect if recommended for appointment.

Mr. Derifield served as a former member of the Commission for two years. He did not reapply since he had thought he would be doing more traveling during retirement. He has more time now and would like to re-apply. He believes his background speaks for itself so he did not believe he needed to explain. He worked for the city 1981 – 2007. He was off for six years and then served on the Board. He was Junior Planner, promoted to Acting Director of CPD, and then CPS Director for the City of Park Ridge.

When questioned by the Board, he indicated that he is still retired. He volunteers on a Condominium Board. He would not do anything differently on the Commission. He would be interested knowing what changes the City Council would like to see. He started the Appearance Commission and wrote its rules. He would like to see the design guidelines revised which would need to be done by a consultant. In regards to an appeals process, he would not support the thought since the City Council members have no experience. Members of the Commission all have specific experience in various aspects of design.

6:50 p.m. James Argionis – O'Hare Airport Commission – re-appt.

Chairman Mazzuca explained the interview process and what to expect if recommended for appointment.

Mr. Argionis moved to Park Ridge in 2010 and has been involved with the O'Hare Commission for two full terms. He agrees that it has been a tough issue and fight. Many members have come. Those who go are worn out. But there has been progress, and it has shown. There are a few things going on including working with FAiR, getting more active in the ONCC, and working with the Federal Elected Officials. He plans to continue being a resource after his third term, if he is recommended to serve.

When questioned, Mr. Argionis indicated he would be willing to continue serving as its Chairman. Additionally, he had no objection if asked to serve as Chairman of another Board. He indicated that there are very active members and that it would be wise that he serve as a member as he transitions out of the Board when the time comes.

IV. Deliberation / Recommendation

Approve to recommend to appoint the following:

Jeffrey Franckowiak – Community Health Commission –new, 4-year term

Jack Barnette – O'Hare Airport Commission – new, 3 year term

Rebecca Little – Youth Services Commission – new, 3-year term

James Argionis – O'Hare Airport Commission – re-appt., 3 year term

Moved by Chairman Mazzuca. Seconded by Ald. Moran.

Motion carried; voice vote.

Deliberation for Appearance Commission candidates was delayed until the next meeting.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.