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Residents' Advisory Committee Wednesday, June 7, 2023 Minutes

Attendees

Committee Members: Liz Cremens, Sam Ling, Kathryn Madden, Theo Offei (not present Thomas Tracy)

Administrative

A motion was made to approve the minutes from May 17, 2023, with the revision that the RAC wishes to speak with the City Manager about the communication process to candidates who are selected and those that are not. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes with this addition.

Discussion

The RAC discussed the following updates:

The City Council voted to change the requirements for the Public Arts & Council Committee members; there is no longer a requirement that two of the nine seats be filled by youth representatives. This means that there are now three vacancies to be filled on this committee. Filling these positions is a critical path because the committee makes many funding decisions in the fall and it is currently challenging to make quorum.

Some City Councilors are interested to see the complete set of rosters for each board, commission, and committee. On the current RAC list, we need to note where vacancies are now pending selections.

The following priorities were established for future interviews:

Public Arts and Culture: July

Affordable Housing Trust (remaining candidate): July

Traffic Commission (remaining candidate): July

Commission on Disability: August

These committees are also priorities; their sequencing and recruitment needs to be discussed further in August if not sooner:

Cultural Council: need to hear from incumbents regarding their interest in renewing

Conservation Commission
Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

Action Steps

Theo Offei to reach out to the Chair of the Conservation Commission to discuss what attributes they might be looking for in new committee members.

Liz Cremens to reach out to the staff liaison for the Commission on Disabilities to discuss what attributes they might be looking for in new committee members.

Liz Cremens to speak to the City Manager's Office about advertising for the Conservation Commission.

Review and edit current committee roster and distribute to the City Manager's Office and the Planning and Community Development office for confirmation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Another meeting will be scheduled in early August, 2023

The meeting moved into Executive Session and did not reconvene as a public meeting.

Minutes: Submitted by Kathryn Madden, June 13, 2023