

STAFF REPORT

Date: October 23, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Jackie Bryant, Interim City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential reappointment/appointment of up to seven individuals to the Urban Forestry Commission from the following pool of applicants, listed in alphabetical order: Megan Dettenmaier, Debe (Deborah) Fennell, Scott Gescheider, Gary Jentink (Reappointment), John Pruyn, and Constance “Connie” Taylor.

From: Mikki Huntsman, City Clerk

Department: City Clerk

Summary:

There are currently seven vacancies on the Urban Forestry Commission. Applications have been received from Megan Dettenmaier, Debe (Deborah) Fennell, Scott Gescheider, Gary Jentink (Reappointment), John Pruyn, and Constance “Connie” Taylor.

The term of appointment will be from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Governance and Organizational Effectiveness

Previous Council Action:

There is no recent Council action relevant to this item.

Background:

If there are no qualified applicants for appointments who reside in and are registered voters of the City, Council may fill a vacancy with a person who resides in and is a registered voter of Washoe County.

Discussion:

The Commission consists of 11 regular members who reside in and are registered to vote in the City of Reno. Pursuant to RMC 2.08.940 a minimum of four of the members shall have at least one of the following credentials at the time of appointment and maintain throughout their term:

(a) certified arborist or certified tree worker through the International Society of Arboriculture; (b) landscape architect registered in the State of Nevada; (c) bachelor's degree in arboriculture, landscape design, horticulture, urban planning or related degree; (d) certified tree care professional by the Tree Care Industry Association; (e) Certified Landscape Technician - Exterior by the Nevada Landscape Association; or (f) other professional certification or license in arboriculture, horticulture, landscape architecture or a related program. The Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, or designee, and the Urban Forester, or designee, shall be non-voting members.

Method of Appointment:

Regular members are nominated by Council.

Financial Implications:

None at this time.

Legal Implications:

Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML) requirements apply to any committee appointed by Council.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council make the necessary appointments as noted in the staff report.

Proposed Motion:

I move to reappoint/appoint _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and/or _____ to the Urban Forestry Commission.

Attachments:

URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION ROSTER

DETTENMAIER, MEGAN APPLICATION FOR URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION
(WARD 5)

FENNELL, DEBE DEBORAH APPLICATION FOR URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION
(WARD 1)

GESCHIEDER, SCOTT APPLICATION FOR URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION (WARD
2)

JENTINK, GARY APPLICATION FOR URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION (WARD 5)

PRUYN, JOHN APPLICATION FOR URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION (WARD 2)

TAYLOR, CONSTANCE CONNIE APPLICATION FOR URBAN FORESTRY
COMMISSION (WARD 1)