

**REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

DATE: March 24, 2015

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY OF CONCORD DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Report in Brief

This report presents a recommendation to make two appointments to the Design Review Board, each for a four-year term ending February 28, 2019.

Background

The five-member Design Review Board consists of three design professionals, at least one of whom must be a licensed architect, a public member with experience in design concepts, and one member of the Planning Commission. Ernesto Avila is currently serving from the Planning Commission. Members serve a staggered four-year term and must be residents of Concord. The Board reviews the design of any development for which design review is required by City ordinance and any matter referred to the Board by the Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator, or Planning Manager. The Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, and commissioners receive a small stipend per meeting.

The two openings on the Design Review Board are to fill design professional positions of the two incumbents Peter Harmon and Jack Moore, whose term expired February 28, 2015. The terms of remaining members Kirk Shelby and Ross Wells will expire February 28, 2017.

The recruitment for applicants to the Design Review Board was announced on November 19, 2014, with a closing deadline of January 9, 2015. The recruitment resulted in eleven applicants, including the two incumbents.

Discussion

Interviews were held on Monday, February 23, 2015, by the Council Committee on Housing and Economic Development in the Garden Conference Room.

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Public Contact

News releases announcing openings on the Design Review Board were issued to the media. Announcements were posted in the City's agenda display case and on Concord TV Cable Channel 28 (Comcast), Channel 29 (Astound!), and the City's website, and at Community Bulletin Boards, Concord Senior Citizen's Center, Concord Police Department, and the Concord Library.

Council Committee Recommendation

The Council Committee on Housing and Economic Development recommends appointing two design professional applicants to the Design Review board, each for a four-year term ending February 28, 2019.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council appoint two design professional applicants to the Design Review board, each for a four-year term ending February 28, 2019.



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Attachment 1 - Design Review Board Applicants' Summary

Design Review Board

Applicants

Members: 5
 Openings: 2 Design Professional Positions
 Term: Four Years
 Membership
 Requirements: 3 design professionals; e.g., architects, landscape architects, urban designers, building designers (at least 1 must be licensed architect), who may be nonresidents of Concord, 1 public member with experience or training in design concepts (Concord resident) and 1 Planning Commission Member.

Name	Occupation Employer
Dominic Aliano	Campaign Coordinator Susan Bonilla for State Senate 2015
*Peter Harmon	Architect Sole-Proprietor
Matthew Hohenstreet	Director of Sales & Marketing Interstate Hotels & Resorts - Hilton Concord
Daniel Jameyson <i>Withdrew Application</i>	Eligibility Work Specialist Contra Costa County, EHSD
Terry Kremin	Adjunct Faculty Dominican University
Jason Laub	VP/Real Estate Development & Construction Nautilus Group
Mary Elizabeth Martinez	Writer/Author
*Jack Moore	Architect JM Architects
Rosanne Nieto	Retired Asset Manager/Planner General Services Administration
Anthony Re	Electrician Trainee Butler Electrician
Bradley Stage <i>Not Available</i>	Operations Analyst Wells Fargo Bank

*Incumbent