

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Interim Appointment to the Citizen Planning Committee of the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park

Meeting Date: July 27, 2015
Department: Public Works - Parks & Open Space
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Agenda Item Number: 6
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is an action item requesting the City Council to appoint two members to two current vacancies on the Citizen Planning Committee of the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park (CPC).

BACKGROUND

The CPC is a 15-member intergovernmental committee formed to develop, and then monitor implementation of, the East Alton Baker Park Plan in consultation with Willamalane Park and Recreation District and City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division. Ten members are appointed by the Eugene City Council; five by the Willamalane Park and Recreation District Board. The entirety of East Alton Baker Park was renamed the Whilamut Natural Area in 2002, at the initiation of the CPC.

CPC member Deveron Musgrave recently took a paid position with the City of Eugene. Because the CPC's bylaws prohibit City employees from being members, Ms. Musgrave resigned from the committee mid-term and the City Manager's Office opened a special recruitment period which ended on June 30, 2015. Three valid applications were received. Mayor Piercy interviewed two applicants on July 23, 2015. A third candidate failed to appear for an interview.

On July 20, 2015, Peter Rodda resigned from the Whilamut CPC for health reasons. Because the special recruitment had been held to replace Ms. Musgrave, there were three applicants available and the Mayor was able to interview two.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The CPC serves as an advisory body to the City of Eugene Parks and Open Space Division and the Willamalane Parks and Recreation Board on activities and policies relating to implementation of the East Alton Baker Park Plan.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. Appoint new members to the CPC for two unexpired terms, one ending on June 30, 2016, and a second term ending June 30, 2017.
2. Open a new recruitment period and seek additional candidates for these positions.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager has no recommendation on this item; the appointments are made by the council.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to appoint _____ to the Citizen Planning Committee of the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park for an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2016.

Move to appoint _____ the Citizen Planning Committee of the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park for an unexpired term ending on June 30, 2017.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Applications
- B. CPC Chair email indicating committee recommendation

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