

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Appointments to the Historic Review Board

Meeting Date: September 27, 2010
Department: Planning and Development
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Agenda Item Number: 2C
Staff Contact: Steve Nystrom
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The City Council will consider the appointment of two members to the Historic Review Board, as recommended by the Mayor and chair of the Planning Commission.

BACKGROUND

The Historic Review Board is a subcommittee of the Planning Commission. Unlike other board and commission appointments, Sections 2.013 and 2.355 of the Eugene Code stipulate that the Mayor and chair of the Planning Commission nominate the candidates for the Historic Review Board, with the City Council making the final appointment.

There are currently two vacancies on the Historic Review Board. The terms for both positions would run from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2014. These positions have remained unfilled for the last few months in order to assess potential resource impacts that might have resulted from the FY 11 budget. With the budget now adopted, the Planning Division proposes that these two vacancies be filled.

Although there were initially three candidates for the two vacancies, one candidate withdrew from consideration prior to review by the Mayor and chair of the Planning Commission. The two remaining candidates are Sara Palmer, an incumbent requesting a second term; and Marti Gerdes. Both candidates have substantial experience in historic preservation. Application materials for both candidates are attached.

The Mayor and Planning Commission Chair have reviewed the two applications and are recommending that each be appointed for the remainder of these four-year terms.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

The Eugene Historic Review Board is a seven-member subcommittee of the Planning Commission and includes one representative from the Planning Commission. The Historic Review Board was established in February, 1975, (Ordinance #17251).

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The City Council may:

1. Appoint the candidates nominated by the Mayor and chair of the Planning Commission.
2. Leave the position(s) vacant in order to solicit additional candidates.

CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager has no recommendation on this item; the recommendations are made by the Mayor and chair of the Planning Commission.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to reappoint Sara Palmer to Position 5 of the Historic Review Board for the remainder of a four-year term, beginning on July 1, 2010, and ending on June 30, 2014.

Move to appoint Marti Gerdes to Position 3 of the Historic Review Board for the remainder of a four-year term, beginning on July 1, 2010, and ending on June 30, 2014.

ATTACHMENT

A. Historic Review Board Applications for Sara Palmer and Marti Gerdes

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Name **Sara E. Palmer** Evening Phone **same** Day Phone **541 485-1662**
Address **1940 Lambert St.** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **5 years**
Occupation **consultant** Ward **7** Neighborhood **Churchhill Area Neighborhood**
Business Address **same** Employer **self**
E-Mail **sara@palmergillies.com**
Fax
How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of Mouth**

Optional Information

Gender **F** Age **26-35** Ethnicity **White/European American**

Additional Languages spoken **Spanish**

Experience

I have served on the HRB since 2005, and am interested in continuing my service. A current resume can be found at <http://palmergillies.com/sara.html>.

Contribution

I would like to see the City pursue state CLG heritage grant funding for local projects (perhaps updating existing surveys or surveying outlying areas of the city which have gotten limited historic preservation attention), and support the transition to the new state preservation tax credit system.

No Supplemental Answers



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Name: **Marti M. Gerdes** Evening Phone: **541 337-3659** Day Phone: **541 337-3659**
Address: **4420 Fox Hollow Road** Do You Live within the City Limits? **Y** If so how long? **15 years, 5 months**
City: **Eugene OR 97405** Ward: **2** Neighborhood: **Southeast Neighbors**
Occupation: **Cultural Resources consultant** Employer: **Self**
Business Address: **4420 Fox Hollow Road** Fax: **541 337-3659** E-Mail: **martigerdes@yahoo.com**
How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of Mouth**

Optional Information

Gender: **F** Age: **46-55** Ethnicity: **White/European American**

Additional Languages spoken

Experience

I have a master's degree in historic preservation, and five years professional experience. I've worked for both Oregon Parks & Recreation Department and the National Park Service, most recently as a historical landscape architect in Yosemite National Park.

Contribution

I would like to participate actively in helping Eugene thoughtfully consider the future of its historic properties inventory, making informed choices to protect sites and structures that can help future generations understand our city's history.

No Supplemental Answers