



City Council

Approval of Appointments to the Heritage Commission to Fill Vacancies

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

The Community Livability and Public Safety Committee recommends approval of the appointments listed below.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the to the Heritage Commission to fill vacancies.

Report

Issue:

Whether to make the recommended appointments to the Heritage Commission.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item

Background and Analysis:

The Community Livability and Public Safety Committee interviewed candidates for vacancies on the Heritage Commission at its April 1, 2024, special meeting and recommends the following appointments to fill vacancies: Eleanor Knight to Position #1, with a term ending March 31, 2027; Stephen Becker to Position #2, with a term ending March 31, 2027; William Cotter to Position #5, with a term ending March 31, 2027; and Melissa Patrick to Position #7, with a term ending March 31, 2027.

The candidates' applications and resumes are attached.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Residents serve on Advisory Committees to share their opinions and perspectives, study issues, and develop recommendations in a focused small group in order to provide judicious advice from a

community member's perspective to the Olympia City.

Climate Analysis:

No climate impacts were evident.

Equity Analysis:

The board and commission recruitment process is an opportunity to reduce disparities in participation among marginalized communities in City of Olympia process and decisions.

Options:

1. Approve the appointments as recommended.
2. Do not approve the appointments and send the issue back to the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee. This would delay the appointment schedule and leave the Committee not operating at full strength.

Financial Impact:

No cost is associated with the action. To reduce barriers to community member participation, the City offers stipends of \$25 per meeting attended to Advisory Committee members. Those members who certify as low income are eligible to receive stipends of \$50 per meeting attended. Advisory Committee members may waive the stipend upon request.

Attachments:

Eleanor Knight Application & Resume
Stephen Becker Application & Resume
William Cotter Application & Resume
Melissa Patrick Application