



CITY COUNCIL

Nominations and Appointments

Committee

Monday, July 11, 2022
4:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting
Council Chambers

The Nominations and Appointments Committee meets to address nominations and appointments to the City's boards, authorities and commissions.

Due to COVID-19, meetings are being held virtually. Public comment will be accepted in writing through an email to michelle.smith@readingpa.gov. Public comment must be submitted by 3:00 pm on the day of the meeting to allow time to distribute the comment submitted. The comment received will be read into the record. Those wishing to make comment at the meeting must register by 3:00 pm the day of the meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Dial by your location

888 475 4499 US Toll-free

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I. Reading Redevelopment Authority Appointment Interviews

4:00 – Glynis Fitzgerald

4:15 – Fred Thompson

4:30 – Robert Melendez

4:45 – Jeffrey Becker

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5:00 - Kelly Lee Becker

5:15 - Maria Laboy

II. Appointment Recommendations

III. Adjourn

Full list of applicants

4 open seats (5 members)

- **Glynis Fitzgerald** - appointment
- **John Miller Jr** - appointment - interviewed 7/5/22
- **Robert Melendez** - appointment
- **Jeffrey Becker** - appointment
- **Kelly Lee Becker** - appointment
- **Maria Laboy** - appointment
- **Fred Thompson** - appointment
- **Thomas McMahon** - appointment - interviewed 7/5/22

Reading Redevelopment Authority (RRA) Facts

The RRA was formed and organized pursuant to the Urban Redevelopment Law, Act of May 24, 1945, (P.L. 991) as amended (35 P.S. Sec. 1701 et seq.), by Resolution 31-50, passed February 1, 1950 to promote elimination of blighted areas and supply sanitary housing in areas throughout the Commonwealth; by declaring acquisition, sound re-planning and redevelopment of such areas to be for the promotion of health, safety, convenience and welfare. The RRA is a separate corporate entity that can acquire property by purchase, gift or eminent domain; the leasing and selling of property, including borrowing money, issuing bonds and other obligations. The RRA hires its own employees and reimburses the City for various administrative expenses. RRA Board meetings are open, public meetings, as per the Sunshine Act. Redevelopment plans must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission and City Council. Various land sale contracts must also be approved by City Council.

RRA Questions for New Applicants

1. What is the purpose of RRA?
2. Are you aware that the RRA currently meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3 pm? Will you be able to regularly attend those meetings?
3. Why are you interested in serving on the RRA?
4. Do you have experience with economic development or redevelopment projects?
5. What RRA projects are you aware of?
6. Where should economic development projects occur in Reading?

RRA Questions for Reappointments

1. Why do you wish to continue serving on the RRA?
2. Are you able to regularly attend the meetings?
3. What does the RRA do well?
4. Are there any issues that the City could assist with?
5. How does RRA actively work to expand their ability to create economic development projects?
6. In what ways could the RRA improve the way it operates?