



CITY COUNCIL

Nominations and Appointments

Committee

Monday, December 1, 2014
4:00 pm
City Council Office
Committee of the Whole

The Nominations and Appointments Committee will meet as needed to address nominations and appointments to the City's boards, authorities and commissions.

Although Council committee meetings are open to the public, public comment is not permitted at Council Committee meetings. However, citizens are encouraged to attend and observe the meetings. Comment from citizens or professionals during the meeting may be solicited on agenda topics via invitation by the Committee Chair.

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I. Interview

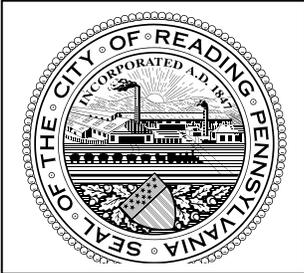
4:00 - Joseph Eppihimer - appointment - Stadium Commission

4:15 - Allen Webster - reappointment - HARB

4:30 - Heather Hanna - reappointment - Library Board

II. Appointment Recommendations

III. Review Pending Applications Memo/BAC Openings/Board, Authority, Commission membership



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**Monday, November 17, 2014
Meeting Report**

Attendance: S. Marmarou, D. Sterner

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

I. Interviews

Kevin Graybill (appointment – Stadium Commission)

Mr. Marmarou questioned how Mr. Graybill learned about this position. Mr. Graybill stated that he is active with Reading American Little League (RALL) and was approached by Mr. Denbowski.

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Graybill was interested in serving on the Stadium Commission. Mr. Graybill stated that he always promotes baseball with youth and this would be an additional way to do that. He stated that the stadium is a beautiful park and he visits often during the season.

Mr. Marmarou questioned Mr. Graybill's computer skills. Mr. Graybill stated that he has computer knowledge and that he keeps up with current technology. He stated that he played with RALL in the 80's and 90's and has been coaching since 2009.

Mr. Sterner questioned Mr. Graybill's interest in sports. Mr. Graybill stated that he enjoys sports and that baseball is his favorite.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz arrived at this time.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the stadium is unique and questioned Mr. Graybill on how it fit into the community. Mr. Graybill stated that events are very interactive and they are always adding new activities.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned Mr. Graybill's opinion on the role of stadium commissioners. Mr. Graybill expressed the belief that commissioners would promote all events held at the stadium, help sell the R Phil's brand, and keep people interested in baseball and attending games.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz thanked Mr. Graybill for his willingness to serve the City.

Mr. Marmarou explained that there are currently three openings on the Stadium Commission and four applicants. He stated that the Committee will interview all four applicants and then make a decision about the appointments.

Osmer Deming (appointment – Library Board)

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Deming was interested in serving on the Library Board. Mr. Deming stated that he uses the library frequently. He stated that the library is a City gem and needs support.

Mr. Sterner questioned if Mr. Deming was familiar with fundraising efforts by the Library Board. Mr. Deming stated that he is. He stated that he is aware of the City's consideration for a Library Tax and stated that he served as volunteer legal support for a local municipality that did not support its local library.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz expressed the belief that the library is a vital asset but stated that the City struggles to maintain core services. Mr. Deming stated that fundraising needs to continue. He noted the need to market the services of the library to the City's youth. He stated that if the youth feel this is a vital asset they will support it for the long term. He expressed the belief that if use increased, support will increase. He stated that both use and support must work together.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz explained that the present library building was erected with assistance of Andrew Carnegie. She noted the need for new philanthropists to step forward.

Mr. Sterner stated that the latest report from the Library Board indicated that use has increased.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that this position will be challenging as the Board works to make the library sustainable.

Mr. Deming stated that he has the time to commit to the effort.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Osmer Deming to the Library Board.

Richard Spangler (appointment – Human Relations Commission)

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned Mr. Spangler's understanding of the role of the Commission. Mr. Spangler stated that he is involved with Reading Pride. He stated that the Commission works to support minorities. He stated that he gains personal satisfaction helping people and that he has the time to invest in the work of the Commission.

Mr. Sterner stated that he is glad that Mr. Spangler is willing to work to improve the City. Mr. Spangler stated that discrimination still exists and stated that he will work to correct this.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz requested samples of discrimination present in the LGBT area. Mr. Spangler stated that they are more subtle but still exist most especially in employment issues. He stated that improvement will take time.

Mr. Spangler stated that he worked with Mr. Lloyd on the LGBT rating system. He stated that he was glad to see the City's announcement about the rating system.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Richard Spangler to the Human Relations Commission.

II. Other Matters

- RAWA appointments

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned if there was progress on determining who made appointments to RAWA. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that she was unsure about the legal issue. She stated that Mr. Acosta and Mr. Spencer have been working together to name appointments.

Mr. Marmarou questioned where the three applicants were in the process. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that Mr. Roeborg is currently pending; Ms. Rodriguez had an issue that needs to be cleared up before she can move forward, and that she could not recall Mr. Hatt's status. (*Note: Mr. Hatt's application is in the queue for an interview at an upcoming meeting.*)

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz expressed concern that past members of RAWA were told not to ask questions and do as they were told. She stated that board members should not rubber stamp actions and noted the need to move forward with appointments cautiously. She stated that RAWA is currently being run like a private corporation. She noted the need to develop a job description for board members.

- Stadium Commission

Mr. Marmarou explained that there are four applicants for three positions. He noted the need for future appointments to be computer literate to assist with the work of the Commission. He stated that all applicants will be interviewed before appointments are made.

- Members needed

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that the Housing Board of Appeals, Property Maintenance Board of Appeals and Business License Board of Appeals are in dire need of members.

There was a brief discussion of the 2015 budget, the amendment to the recovery plan and the City's pension obligations.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shelly Katzenmoyer, CMC
Deputy City Clerk



MEMORANDUM

TO: Council President
FROM: Mayor *WBS*
DATE: October 21, 2014
SUBJECT: BAC Appointment

Joseph Eppihimer from 534 N 14 St, Reading PA is nominated for membership to the Stadium Commission pending all required background approval

*received 10/21/14
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CITY OF READING
BOARDS AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS
APPLICATION FORM

Article X of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter encourages the participation of citizens in their government through the establishment of Boards, Authorities and Commissions to carry out City business. Broad citizen participation is encouraged in the recruitment of appointees and in making appointments.

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Name: Joseph D. E. Appelimer
Address: 524 N. 74TH ST
Years living at this address: 48

Date of Birth: 5/17/38

Occupation: RETIRED

Place of Employment & Address: _____

Telephone: Day 610-378-9182 Evening SAME

E-mail: NONE

If you need more space for any of the questions below, please use the back of this form.
If you have a current resume, please attach it to this completed application.

1. What Board, Authority or Commission are you interested in serving on? Why?

STADIUM COMMISSION

2. In your opinion, what is the primary purpose of this board?

TO REPRESENT THE INTEREST OF THE CITY

3. What skills, abilities or other characteristics do you have that will help the Board successfully achieve its purpose?

I HAVE SKILLS IN WORKING WITH PEOPLE BECAUSE OF MY EXPERIENCE OF BEING PRAEN & COUNCILMAN

4. Have you had any previous experience with this particular board? If yes, please describe.

NO

5. Have you served in any other volunteer roles in the community? (e.g. youth organizations, church, etc.) Please list.

OUR CITY READING
BERKS TOYS FOR TOTS

6. Have you ever been employed by the City of Reading? If so, please list.

YES COUNCIL AND MAYOR

7. In a business relationship, have you ever provided goods or services for the City? If so, please describe?

I WAS COUNCILMAN 1996-2000
MAYOR 2000-2004

8. Have you served previously on any other City of Reading Board, Authority, or Commission or in any other advisory capacity? If yes, please list the position and date(s) of service.

NO

9. Are you currently a registered voter? Yes No

10. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

11. Do you own any properties or businesses in the City? If so, please list?

YES, MY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

12. Do you have any water/sewer bills, property taxes, codes violations, or fines which are delinquent for 6 months or longer? If so, please list and provide explanation.

NO

I verify that the statements made in this application are true and correct. I understand that any false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 PA.C.S. 4904, relating to unsworn falsification of authorities. I consent to and authorize, without reservation, the City of Reading to obtain information relating to my law enforcement record, convictions for other than Summary Offenses, my tax payment record (including all applicable taxes payable to the City of Reading), and my utility payment record. Convictions will not automatically disqualify the applicant. I authorize each applicable agency to which this form is presented to release any results, upon request of the City of Reading, as described above. Copies of this consent that show my signature are as valid as the original signed by me. This consent is valid until the termination of my application process or my affiliation with the City of Reading, whichever is later.

JOSEPH D. EPPITIMER
Printed Name

Joseph D. Eppitimer
Signature

10/16/14
Date

Please return the completed form to the

City Clerk's Office
Office 2-24
815 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601



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Name: Allen W. Webster
Address: 516 So. 7th St. Ry. 19102
Years living at this address: 29 yrs
Date of Birth: 7/17/52
Occupation: Antiques & Collectibles
Place of Employment & Address: same
Telephone: Day 610 372 5972 Evening same
E-mail: N/A

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HARB

2. In your opinion, what is the primary purpose of this board?

preserve our historic buildings

3. What skills, abilities or other characteristics do you have that will help the Board successfully achieve its purpose?

an ongoing love for architecture & different
ages of buildings, & a knowledge from being
involved in at least three projects on
preservation of homes on my st. (So. 7th St.)

4. Have you had any previous experience with this particular board? If yes, please describe.

no

5. Have you served in any other volunteer roles in the community? (e.g. youth organizations, church, etc.) Please list.

youth volunteer, counseling, hiking, camping

6. Have you ever been employed by the City of Reading? If so, please list.

no

7. In a business relationship, have you ever provided goods or services for the City? If so, please describe?

no

8. Have you served previously on any other City of Reading Board, Authority, or Commission or in any other advisory capacity? If yes, please list the position and date(s) of service.

no

9. Are you currently a registered voter? Yes No

10. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

11. Do you own any properties or businesses in the City? If so, please list?

448 So. 7th St 518 A S 7th St
516 S 7th St
518 S 7th St

12. Do you have any water/sewer bills, property taxes, codes violations, or fines which are delinquent for 6 months or longer? If so, please list and provide explanation.

no

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Allen W. Webster
Printed Name

Allen W. Webster
Signature

10/15/14
Date

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Name: Heather Hanna
Address: 118 South 5th Street, Reading, PA 19602
Years living at this address: 12+ years
Date of Birth: 11/22/1970
Occupation: Substitute teacher/Volunteer
Place of Employment & Address: N/A
Telephone: Day 610-468-7671 Evening _____
E-mail: HeatherHanna70@verizon.net

If you need more space for any of the questions below, please use the back of this form.
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1. What Board, Authority or Commission are you interested in serving on? Why?

Reading Public Library. I am interested in continuing with the great work I have been doing, over the past 4 years, with the other board members.

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2. In your opinion, what is the primary purpose of this board?

To focus on the needs of the community & how those needs are met through library services. Also to keep the library going.

3. What skills, abilities or other characteristics do you have that will help the Board successfully achieve its purpose?

I am a devoted volunteer who loves the Reading Public Library. I participate on the services committee, nomination committee, strategic planning, etc. I chair the advancement committee.

4. Have you had any previous experience with this particular board? If yes, please describe.

Yes. See above.

5. Have you served in any other volunteer roles in the community? (e.g. youth organizations, church, etc.) Please list.

Past neighborhood associations. I do my best to help my block look nice.

6. Have you ever been employed by the City of Reading? If so, please list.

No

7. In a business relationship, have you ever provided goods or services for the City? If so, please describe?

No.

8. Have you served previously on any other City of Reading Board, Authority, or Commission or in any other advisory capacity? If yes, please list the position and date(s) of service.

No.

9. Are you currently a registered voter? Yes No

10. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

11. Do you own any properties or businesses in the City? If so, please list?

My husband is listed as owner of our
home.

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Heather Hanna
Printed Name

Heather Hanna
Signature

10/27/14
Date

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815 Washington Street
Reading, PA 19601**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nominations and Appointments Committee
FROM: Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: December 1, 2014
SUBJECT: Pending Applications

The following persons have applications for Boards, Authorities, and Commissions pending:

Redevelopment Authority - 1 opening

- **Jojoy Varghese** - appointment - *has Mayoral approval*
- **Chad Northheimer** - appointment - will need Mayoral approval

Stadium Commission - 3 openings

- **Kevin Graybill** - appointment - *has Mayoral approval* - interviewed 11/17/14
- **Edward Lilly Jr** - appointment - *has Mayoral approval*
- **Joseph Eppihimer** - appointment - *has Mayoral approval*
- **Ronald Huber** - appointment - sent to Mayor November 2014

Water Authority - 2 openings

- **Michael Roeberg** - appointment
- **Ronald Hatt** - appointment
- **Maria Rodriguez** - appointment - *has recommendation of Mayor*

Main Street Board - 4 openings

- **John Joof** - appointment - will need Mayoral approval
- **Craig Poole** - appointment - will need Mayoral approval

Shade Tree Commission - 2 openings

- **Caryl Peck** - appointment - will need Mayoral approval

Library Board - 2 City openings

- **Henriette Alban** - reappointment
- **Heather Hanna** - reappointment

Human Relations Commission - 3 openings

- **Richard Wagner** - appointment - sent to Mayor November 2014

HARB - 6 openings

- **Allen Webster** - reappointment

Housing Board of Appeals - 3 openings, 3 alternate openings

- **John Hefferon** - reappointment - will need Mayoral approval

Charter Board - 1 opening

- **Troy Vazquez** - appointment - will need Mayoral approval

Housing Authority - 1 opening

- **William "Gus" Giddens** - appointment - *has recommendation of Mayor*

BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS

OPEN SEATS

DECEMBER 1, 2014

Board, Authority & Commission	Mayor appointment w/ Council approval	Mayor appointment	Council appointment
BOARDS			
Electrician's Examining Board			
			Board full
Plumbing Board of Examiners	Board full		
Reading HVAC Board			5 openings
Zoning Hearing Board			1 opening
			1 alternate opening
			1 application pending
Police Civil Service Board			1 opening
Fire Civil Service Board			1 opening
Board of Historical Architectural Review			6 openings
			1 application pending
Board of Trustees of the Reading Public Library			2 City openings
			1 County openins
			2 applications pending

Board of Health			1 opening
			1 alternate opening
Board of Ethics			
	1 opening		
Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals			
	2 openings		
	1 alternate opening		
	1 application pending		
Animal Control Board			
	3 openings		
Charter Board			
	1 opening		
	1 application pending		
Housing Board Of Appeals			
	3 openings		
	3 alternate openings		
	1 application pending		
Property Maintenance Appeals			6 openings
			Bldg/Trades Experience Required
Minority Bus. Board	7 openings		
Police Diversity Board			
		3 openings	
		1 alternate opening	
City-wide Diversity Board			Board full

Solid Waste & Recycling Appeals Board			3 citizen openings
Main St Board	2 openings		
	3 applications pending		
Business License Appeals Board			
	3 citizen openings		

AUTHORITIES

Reading Area Water Authority			
			3 openings
			3 applications pending
Reading Redevelopment Authority			
	1 opening		
	2 applications pending		
Reading Housing Authority			
	1 opening		
	1 application pending		
Reading Parking Authority			
		Board full	
Convention Center Authority			
			Board full
Downtown Improvement District Authority			
	Board full		
City Revitalization Improvement Zone Authority			
			5 openings

COMMISSIONS

Planning Commission			
	2 openings		
Reading Shade Tree Commission			
	2 openings		
	1 application pending		
Stadium Commission			
	3 openings		
	4 applications pending		
Reading Human Relations Commission			
	3 openings		
	1 application pending		
Blighted Property Review Committee			
	1 opening		
Environmental Advisory Council			1 opening
Recreation Commission			
	Board full		
Audit Committee			
			Board Full