

CITY COUNCIL

Nominations and Appointments

Committee

Monday, July 20, 2015
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.

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I. Interview

4:00 - William Harst - reappointment - Zoning Hearing Board

4:15 - Steven Symons - appointment - Water Authority

**4:30 - Heminton Candelario-Urena - reappointment - Blighted Property Review
Committee**

II. Appointment Recommendations

III. Review Pending Applications Memo & BAC Openings



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**Monday, July 6, 2015
Meeting Report**

Attendance: D. Sterner, S. Marmarou, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer, B. Rivera, F. Denbowski

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

I. Interviews

Zelda Yoder (appointment - Board of Ethics)

Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that Ms. Yoder is not eligible to serve on the Board of Ethics due to her involvement in the Democratic Party, a local PAC, and her consistent contributions to local campaigns. She stated that she spoke with Ms. Yoder about the need to disassociate from political activities to become a board member and Ms. Yoder stated that she would prefer to serve in another area.

Mr. Denbowski stated that Ms. Yoder will be applying to serve on the Human Relations Commission.

II. Equal Business Opportunity Advisory Board

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that she has reviewed this ordinance with this Committee several times and has little feedback. She questioned if the Committee wished to move this forward or refer it to the Administration to be addressed internally. She explained that the Minority Business Procurement Board has not been active for many years and that the members became frustrated.

Mr. Marmarou noted his support of the concept.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz agreed and recommended that it move to discussion at Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Denbowski stated that the work group (himself, Ms. Katzenmoyer, and Mr. Coleman) also needs Council's guidance on the composition of board members.

Mr. Sterner expressed the belief that the Administration should work to improve purchasing and contract procedures. He questioned how passing legislation could improve this process. Mr. Denbowski stated that the Administration does not have enough internal capacity to work on this issue alone. He noted the need to implement best practices and provide opportunities to increase involvement of minority, disadvantaged, women and small business enterprises. He stated that this Board would serve in an advisory capacity. He stated that outside entities have voiced support of this effort.

Mr. Sterner voiced concern that the Board members would become frustrated as the members of the Minority Business Procurement Board did in the past.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the need for the City to follow through with the recommendations of this Board. She voiced support of the effort and recommended that discussions move to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Marmarou agreed.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz requested that this topic be added to the Committee of the Whole agenda. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that she will coordinate with Ms. Kelleher.

III. Other Matters

- Hillside Playground

Mr. Sterner questioned when the MOU for the Christmas display would be discussed with Council. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that she spoke with Mr. Denbowski about this topic but that the upcoming agendas are filling up.

Mr. Denbowski explained that the MOU will be a starting point. He stated that this agreement will set precedent and that he is prepared to make a presentation to Council. He stated that he is working with Mr. Coleman on the agreement language.

Mr. Sterner and Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz requested that Hillside be added to the July 13 Committee of the Whole agenda.

- Neversink Playground

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the lights have not worked for two years. She described the problems that are occurring there after dark.

- Pagoda

Mr. Marmarou stated that when he made his weekly visit this past weekend, there was a food vendor parked in the handicapped space and two other parking spaces. He stated that he spoke with the vendor who indicated that he had a lease to operate.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the Foundation has not approved any vendor leases. She stated that the Foundation held a meeting last week and that this was not discussed. She stated that the Foundation has received a \$1,000 donation to paint the flagpole.

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

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shelly Katzenmoyer, CMC
Deputy City Clerk



CITY OF READING
BOARDS AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS
APPLICATION FORM

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Name: WILLIAM A. HARST
Address: 2118 QUEENS COURT READING, PA 19606
Years living at this address: 16 YRS. (SINCE 12/98)

Date of Birth: 11/1/43

Occupation: RETIRED EDUCATOR

Place of Employment & Address: ALVERNIA UNIV. (PART-TIME)
400 ST. BERNARDINE ST.
READING, PA 19607

FLYING HILLS CO. (PART-TIME)
FLYING HILLS GOLF COURSE
READING, PA 19607

Telephone: Day 610-374-7631 Evening 610-374-7631
E-mail: HARSTWJ @ COMCAST.NET

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?

READING ZONING HEARING BOARD
I AM COMPETING MY FIRST TERM AS A MEMBER OF THIS
BOARD AND HAVE FOUND IT TO BE VERY INTERESTING,
AND I ENJOY WORKING WITH THE OTHER BOARD
MEMBERS.

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

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD IS TO HEAR
APPEALS TO THE CITY OF READING'S ZONING ORDINANCES, SEE
IF THEY HAVE MERIT AND LEGAL UNDER THE LAW.

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

I AM A VERY GOOD LISTENER, AND HAVE READ THE CITY CODE
SEVERAL TIMES, AND KNOW HOW TO FOLLOW THE RULES.

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

I HAVE JUST COMPLETED MY FIRST TERM AS A MEMBER
OF THE BOARD.

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

I AM A EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AT ST. CATHARINE OF SIENA PARISH
I AM A PAST SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR THE DIOCESE OF ALLERTON
I WAS A MEMBER OF THE PARK & REC BOARD IN EXETER TWP. WHEN
WE LIVED THERE
I AM A MEMBER OF THE EXETER TWP. S.D. ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

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 X No _____

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

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

YES. MY HOME AT 2118 QUEENS ST.
READING, PA 19606

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.

NONE

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.

WILLIAM A. HARST
Printed Name

William A. Harst
Signature

4/18/14
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: Steven J Symons
Address: 8 Hidden Brook Way Sinking Spring PA 19608
Years living at this address: 10
Date of Birth: 1/21/67
Occupation: Plumber
Place of Employment & Address: GMI First - Partner
328 Buttonwood St
Reading PA 19601
Telephone: Day (484) 256-8266 Evening _____
E-mail: ssymons@gmifirst.com

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

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

Master Plumber
City of Reading Plumbing Board
Stak Apprenticeship Program Instructor

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.

Muhlenberg youth sports
Reading Muhlenberg VO-tech youth peer

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.

Plumbing Board City of Reading

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?

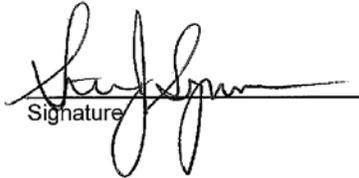
NO

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Steven J Symons
Printed Name


Signature

6/8/15
Date

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



CITY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor
FROM: Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: May 13, 2015
SUBJECT: Appointment Application

The Council office has received the attached BAC application from Heminton Candelario-Urena. Mr. Urena is reapplying for membership to the Blighted Property Review Committee.

Please let the Council office know if you will endorse the appointment of this applicant.

I will endorse the appointment
of this applicant!

Wynne D. Spencer

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Name: Himinton M. Candelario-Urena
 Address: 1118 Chestnut St
 Years living at this address: 4
 Date of Birth: 09/08/1981
 Occupation: Banker

Place of Employment & Address: Citizens Bank
830 Lancaster Ave
Reading PA - 196

~~610-780-0205~~
 hemmancan@yahoo.com

Telephone: Day 610 507 0348 Evening _____
 E-mail: h_uarena7@gmail.com

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Blighted Property Review Committee.
(BPRC). I care for the city that
I currently reside in.

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

Eliminate Eyesores of properties hence
increasing standard and values of living.

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

Professional Problemshooter, have a bachelors in
Business Management, & speak the language
of the majority of the population of this city.

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

yes, I've been a member of BPRC, since
its inception.

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

used to serve as commentator & lecturer at
St. Peters & St. Paul's.

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nominations and Appointments Committee
FROM: Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: July 20, 2015
SUBJECT: Pending Applications

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

Stadium Commission - *1 opening*

- Frank Gromis - appointment - sent to Mayor May 2015

Zoning Hearing Board - *1 opening and 1 alternate opening*

- William Harst - reappointment

Blighted Property Review Committee - *1 opening*

- Heminton Urena - reappointment - has Mayoral approval

Police Civil Service Board - *2 openings*

- Pamela Johnson - appointment
- Elsayed Elmarzouky - reappointment

Board of Ethics - *2 openings*

- Jonathan DelCollo - reappointment - sent to Mayor May 2015

Redevelopment Authority - *2 openings*

- Roberto Campitelli - appointment - sent to Mayor May 2015

Water Authority - 2 openings

- **Johanny Cepeda** - appointment - has Mayoral recommendation
- **Steven Symons** - appointment

Animal Control Board - 3 openings

- **Richard Rosato** - appointment - sent to Mayor June 2015
- **Amy Crawford** - appointment - sent to Mayor June 2015
- **Megan Ebersole** - appointment - will need Mayoral approval

Human Relations Commission - 3 openings

- **Zelda Yoder** - appointment - has Mayoral approval

BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS

OPEN SEATS

JULY 20, 2015

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
			2 alternate openings
			1 application pending
Police Civil Service Board			2 openings
			2 applications pending
Fire Civil Service Board			1 opening
Board of Historical Architectural Review			2 openings
Board of Trustees of the Reading Public Library			1 City opening

Board of Health			1 opening
			1 alternate opening
Board of Ethics			
			2 openings
			1 application pending
Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals			
			1 opening
			2 alternate openings
Animal Control Board			
			3 openings
			3 applications pending
Charter Board			
			2 openings
Code & License Appeals Board			
			3 alternate openings
Minority Bus. Board			
			7 openings
City-wide Diversity Board			
			Board full
Main St Board			
			Board full

AUTHORITIES

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

COMMISSIONS

Planning Commission			
	2 openings		
Reading Shade Tree Commission			
	2 openings		
Stadium Commission			
	1 opening		
	1 application pending		

Reading Human Relations Commission	3 openings		
	1 application pending		
Blighted Property Review Committee	1 opening		
	1 application pending		
Environmental Advisory Council			1 opening
Recreation Commission	Board full		
Audit Committee			1 opening