



# ***CITY COUNCIL***

## ***Nominations and Appointments***

### ***Committee***

**Monday, June 3, 2019**  
**4:00 pm**  
**City Council Office**

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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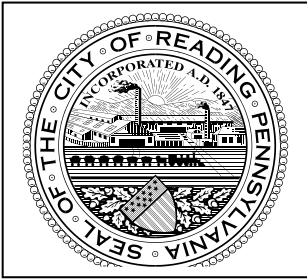
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#### **I. Interview**

4:00 - Cathy Curran-Myers - reappointment - Environmental Advisory Council

#### **II. Appointment Recommendations**

#### **III. Review Pending Applications Memo, BAC Openings & Board, Authority, Commission Membership**



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**Tuesday, April 23, 2019  
Meeting Report**

**Attendance:** D. Reed, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz

**Others Attending:** B. Rivera

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Ms. Reed.

### **I. Interviews**

- **Heminton Urena – Blighted Property Review Committee**

Ms. Reed questioned how many years Mr. Urena has serving on this Committee. Mr. Urena stated that he's been on since 2006 when the Board was formed.

Ms. Reed questioned what Mr. Urena feels could use improvement. Mr. Urena stated that the process itself can be made more efficient. He stated that once a property is identified as blighted, the process is greatly held up. He stated that often times homeowners are willing to give up ownership once they are made aware that their property has been determined blighted. He stated that therein lies a significant problem with moving the process forward.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that she feels it is imperative to have a legal team on the Board. She questioned how Mr. Urena felt regarding this. Mr. Urena stated that during hearings, legal representation is present but during regular meetings, there is nobody from legal to attend since Ms. Butler resigned her City position.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that she has had a couple of blighted properties very close to her residence and she's observed how the process works step by step. She stated that as she has spoken with previous City solicitors, they have mentioned how the process can definitely be streamlined; however, that has yet to occur.

Ms. Reed questioned who is currently serving on the Board. Mr. Urena responded naming the members. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned if Mr. Urena was familiar with Mr. Hefferon, a concerned citizen who has been very active in identifying blighted properties in the City and bringing it to the City's attention. Mr. Urena stated he was not familiar with Mr. Hefferon. He questioned if he is a resident. Ms. Reed stated that he does not reside in the City but has a stake in the City as he owns several properties. Ms. Reed stated that Mr. Hefferon should attend meetings as he is so involved.

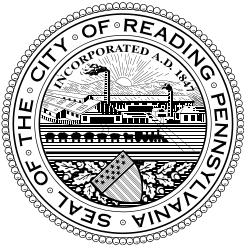
Ms. Reed questioned that, aside from making the process flow more efficiently and expeditiously, what other concerns does Mr. Urena see within the Review Committee? Mr. Urena stated that he feels the members of the Board are active and participate but unfortunately the budget is not sufficient to move forward at a faster pace once a property is determined to be blighted. He stated that the Board has entertained different avenues in terms of finding some assistance and land banking was mentioned but that hasn't been received well. Ms. Reed concurred adding that she feels that subject can eventually be revisited in the future as a potential solution.

Ms. Reed stated she is very pleased that Mr. Urena is interested in staying on this Board and thanked him for his past and continued service. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz concurred.

**The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the reappointment of Heminton Urena to the Blighted Property Review Committee.**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully  
Submitted by,  
*Bea Rivera, Legislative Aide*



MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Nominations and Appointments Committee  
**FROM:** Shelly Smith, Deputy City Clerk  
**DATE:** June 3, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Pending Applications

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

**Stadium Commission** - *6 open seats (9 members)*

- **Justin Choate** - appointment - sent to Mayor October 2018
- **Gary Lux** - appointment - sent to Mayor October 2018

**Electrical Examining Board** - *1 open seat, 1 expired term (7 members)*

- **David Hollinger** - appointment - sent to Mayor February 2019
- **Geoffrey Litwin** - reappointment - sent to Mayor March 2019

**Blighted Property Review Committee** - *1 open seat, 1 expired term (7 members)*

- **Nicholas Eyrich** - reappointment - sent to Mayor October 2018
- **John Hefferon** - appointment - sent to Mayor March 2019

**Housing Authority** - *1 open seat, 2 expired terms (5 members)*

- **Lorena Keely** - reappointment - sent to Mayor November 2018

**Downtown Improvement District Authority** - 1 open seat, 3 expired terms (7 members)

- **Catherine Montano** - reappointment - sent to Mayor February 2019

**Board of Ethics** - 1 open seat (5 members)

- **Ryan Bradley** - appointment - sent to Mayor February 2019

**Recreation Commission** - 2 open seats (2 citizen members)

- **Ryan Bradley** - appointment - sent to Mayor February 2019

**Charter Board** - 1 open seat (5 members)

- **Evelyn Morrison** - appointment - will need Mayoral approval

**Environmental Advisory Council** - 3 expired terms (7 members)

- **Cathy Curran-Myers** - reappointment

**BOARDS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS**

**OPEN SEATS**

**JUNE 3, 2019**

<b>Board, Authority &amp; Commission</b>	<b>Mayor appointment w/ Council approval</b>	<b>Mayor appointment</b>	<b>Council appointment</b>
<b>BOARDS</b>			
Electrician's Examining Board Must be master Electrician			
	3 openings		
	2 applications pending		
Plumbing Board of Examiners Must be master Plumber			
	2 openings		
Reading HVAC Board Must have master license			
	6 openings		
Zoning Hearing Board			
			1 opening
			2 alternate openings
Police Civil Service Board			
			1 opening
Fire Civil Service Board			
			1 opening
Board of Historical Architectural Review			
			5 openings
			Realtor & Historic District Openings
Board of Trustees of the Reading Public Library			
			City positions filled

Board of Health	1 opening		
	1 alternate opening		
	Environmental health		
Board of Ethics			
	2 openings		
	1 application pending		
Building/Fire Code Board of Appeals			
	5 openings		
	2 alternate openings		
	Bldg/Trade experience		
Animal Control Board			
	6 openings		
Charter Board			
	1 opening		
	1 application pending		
Code & License Appeals Board		1 opening	
		1 alternate opening	2 alternate openings
City-wide Diversity Board			3 openings
			1 resident, 1 must be member of
			a reputable City
			Hispanic org, 1 must be an NAACP rep.
Pagoda Foundation			
		2 openings	2 openings
Conversion Therapy Mental Health Services Appeals Board	2 openings		

**AUTHORITIES**

Reading Area Water Authority			
			3 openings
Reading Redevelopment Authority			
		1 opening	
Reading Housing Authority			
	3 openings		
	1 application pending		
Reading Parking Authority			
		2 openings	
Convention Center Authority			City appts filled
Downtown Improvement District Authority			
	4 openings		
	1 application pending		

**COMMISSIONS**

Planning Commission			
	Board full		
Shade Tree Commission			
	1 opening		
Stadium Commission			
	6 openings		
	2 applications pending		
Reading Human Relations Commission			
		1 opening	
		1 application pending	



Blighted Property Review Committee	2 openings		
	2 applications pending		
Environmental Advisory Council			3 openings
			1 application pending
Recreation Commission	2 City openings		
	1 application pending		
Audit Committee			1 opening
Citizens Initiative Commission		3 openings	6 openings – 1 per City Council District
Youth Commission		3 openings	12 openings – 2 per City Council District
Downtown Revitalization P3		Positions full	Positions full