



CITY COUNCIL

Nominations & Appointments Committee

Monday, October 1, 2012
Meeting Report

Attendance: S. Marmarou, D. Reed, R. Corcoran

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

I. Interviews

Ermete Rafaelli (reappointment – Planning Commission)

Mr. Marmarou explained Council's recent issues with the Planning Commission approving plans for Angelica Park and the Citadel Intermediate High School which required Council action without Council's knowledge. Mr. Rafaelli explained that the Planning Commission approved the sign at Angelica Park for aesthetic purposes only. He explained that there were many issues with the Citadel. He stated that the School Board already had its mind made up about this building and refused to make changes based on the Planning Commission's comments. He stated that this project was problematic from the start and that there were many lengthy discussions on many school issues.

Mr. Rafaelli requested an update on the Navy Marine Center project. Mr. Corcoran stated that the project is currently under review by the Navy.

Mr. Rafaelli explained that the many food carts created problems for the Planning Commission. He stated that spot zoning is clearly illegal but spot planning is not. He noted the need to develop parcels rather than adding carts and creating conflicts.

Mr. Rafaelli stated that the description of his leaving a public meeting in the past is untrue. He stated that meeting in Council Chambers is difficult for the Planning Commission because of acoustical and visual issues. He stated that he tried to discuss these problems with Mr. Geffken but that Mr. Geffken was rude and disrespectful and would not discuss the issue. He stated that

he did not realize that Mr. Rothermel had resigned and that his leaving the meeting would cause quorum issues.

The Committee thanked Mr. Rafaelli for his work.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the reappointment of Ermete Rafaelli to the Planning Commission.

Teri Kutz (appointment – Citizens Advisory Board)

Mr. Marmarou gave a brief background of this board. He stated that the Board was not functioning well and is being addressed.

Ms. Reed stated that the Board is currently on hiatus. She stated that the Managing Director is also examining this Board and that there may be a delay between the appointment and a meeting date. She stated that the Board is being facilitated to make improvements.

Mr. Marmarou explained that the Board experienced issues during the transition to the new Administration. Ms. Reed explained that a core group of members remains but that it is being reformatted.

Ms. Kutz questioned when meetings occur. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that this Board meets one evening per month at 6:30 pm.

Ms. Kutz questioned what she could do in the meantime to prepare to serve in this capacity. Ms. Reed suggested that Ms. Kutz become acquainted with the City's Act 47 Recovery Plan. She stated that Ms. Kutz would be receiving additional information as the process moves forward. She expressed the belief that it would be good to have new members who are untainted when the Board moves forward.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Teri Kutz to the Citizens Advisory Board.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shelly Katzenmoyer,
Deputy City Clerk