



# CITY COUNCIL

## Nominations & Appointments Committee

Monday, December 3, 2012  
Meeting Report

**Attendance:** S. Marmarou, D. Reed

**Others Attending:** S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

### I. Interviews

#### **Charles Broad (appointment – Police Civil Service Board)**

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Broad was interested in serving on this Board. Mr. Broad stated that he was approached by Ms. Kelleher to serve in this capacity. He stated that he was the liaison to this Board for 17 years and brings expertise. He stated that this Board oversees civil service regulations and operation. He stated that his schedule will allow him to attend the daytime meetings.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if Mr. Broad had considered serving in another capacity. Ms. Reed suggested Planning or Zoning with Mr. Broad's downtown background. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that there is one vacancy on the Planning Commission but that the Zoning Hearing Board is currently full. Mr. Broad stated that this is possible but that he would rather serve on the Police Civil Service Board.

Ms. Reed questioned any conflict with Mr. Broad serving on the Police Civil Service Board as he is a police retiree. Mr. Broad explained that this would not impact his service in any way. He stated that if it were the Police Pension Board there would be a conflict. He stated that the Police Civil Service Board oversees the civil service process regarding hiring and promotions.

Mr. Broad explained that the "Yield to Pedestrians" signs should only be located in intersections which are unregulated (there are no traffic signals or stop signs). He stated that many times this is not the case.

Ms. Reed noted an increase in vagrancy in the downtown area. Mr. Broad stated that an increase has been reported to him. He stated that DID ambassadors should be moving them along. He stated that problems occur when the individuals become aggressive.

Ms. Reed and Mr. Marmarou requested that Ms. Katzenmoyer speak with Mr. Younger about any conflicts with Mr. Broad serving on the Planning Commission.

**The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends that Mr. Broad's application be forwarded to the Mayor's office to determine his support for Mr. Board's service on the Planning Commission.**

**Mary Wolfe (reappointment – Blighted Property Review Committee)**

Rev. Wolfe stated that she enjoys her work with the Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) and noted her feeling of accomplishment in their work. Ms. Reed agreed and stated that Rev. Wolfe does excellent work for the BPRC.

Ms. Reed questioned if there were quorum issues. Rev. Wolfe stated that there were none. She noted the excellence of Mr. Olsen as chair.

**The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the reappointment of Rev. Wolfe to the Blighted Property Review Committee.**

**William Sands (appointment – Historical Architectural Review Board)**

Ms. Reed questioned why Mr. Sands was interested in serving. Mr. Sands stated that he was approached to serve by the Board of Realtors. He stated that he loves the City and its architecture and his goal is to elevate the City.

Ms. Reed questioned if Mr. Sands lived in or had an office in the City. Mr. Sands stated that he did not but described his work on several homes in the City which he restored.

Ms. Reed questioned Mr. Sands' feelings about the article in the Sunday Reading Eagle regarding the City's historic districts. Mr. Sands stated that residents in historic districts need better education. He stated that giving residents examples of what is and is not acceptable would be helpful. He stated that no one wants to see sloppy work. He noted his belief in the City's historic districts and the need to better explain their benefits to residents.

Ms. Reed stated that Council generally supports HARB during appeals.

**The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Mr. Sands to the Historical Architectural Review Board.**

**Geoffrey Litwin (reappointment – Electrician’s Examining Board)**

Ms. Reed thanked Mr. Litwin for his service. She questioned why Mr. Litwin was interested in continuing to serve. Mr. Litwin stated that serving on the Board has been very informative for him. He stated that he now chairs this Board and that it oversees the licensing process. He stated that issues are brought to the Board by Mr. Waldman as needed. He stated that Mr. Waldman is making positive changes and that he enjoys serving.

Ms. Reed questioned attendance at meetings. Mr. Litwin stated that he barely misses meetings and quorums are not problematic.

Ms. Reed questioned any issues that Council needs to be aware of.

Mr. Marmarou questioned the rapport of the Board members. Mr. Litwin stated that the Board members get along well and are comfortable voicing their opinions.

Mr. Marmarou and Ms. Reed thanked Mr. Litwin for his continuing service.

**The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the reappointment of Mr. Litwin to the Electrician’s Examining Board.**

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
*Shelly Katzenmoyer,*  
Deputy City Clerk