



CITY COUNCIL

Nominations & Appointments Committee

**Monday, February 4, 2013
Meeting Report**

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

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

I. Interviews

John Hill (reappointment – Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals)

Mr. Marmarou asked Mr. Hill why he is interested in continuing to volunteer. Mr. Hill stated that this is his service to the City and that he has the expertise and experience necessary for this Board.

Ms. Reed questioned if there were time conflicts with Mr. Hill serving on this Board. Mr. Hill stated that appeals are held less frequently than he expected.

Mr. Corcoran noted the background of Mr. Hill and thanked him for his service to the City.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the reappointment of John Hill to the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals.

Robert Hospidor (appointment – Board of Health)

Mr. Marmarou asked Mr. Hospidor why he is interested in volunteering for his Board. Mr. Hospidor stated that he is rational and fair minded. He stated that he was recruited for this position by Dr. John Dethoff who is also a member of the Board of Health. He noted his willingness to assist the City.

Mr. Marmarou stated that Council is glad for community members who are willing to give back. Mr. Hospidor agreed.

Mr. Marmarou stated that Mr. Hospidor is also involved in the College Heights Community Council.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of Robert Hospidor to the Board of Health.

Tom Lynam (reappointment – Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals)

Mr. Marmarou asked Mr. Lynam why he is interested in continuing to volunteer with this Board. Mr. Lynam stated that he enjoys helping the City and that he has the background needed to work with this Board.

Mr. Marmarou questioned how long Mr. Lynam has been a member of this Board. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that he was originally appointed in 2000.

Mr. Lynam stated that it is not a burden to serve and that he is glad to help.

Ms. Reed thanked Mr. Lynam for his willingness to continue assisting the City.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the reappointment of Tom Lynam to the Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals.

Jeff Gattone (reappointment – Zoning Hearing Board)

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Gattone is interested in continuing to serve. Mr. Gattone stated that he really enjoys working with the Zoning Hearing Board. He stated that there is a direct impact on the City. He stated that during his tenure the number of churches and daycares in homes has greatly subsided. He stated that when the Zoning Hearing Board is considering an application, they always consider the parking situation. He noted the work of the Zoning Hearing Board to improve the City's housing situation. He stated that a recent decision about a student home was very contentious and he is interested in hearing the decision of the Court on appeal. He stated that the appeal regarding Jet Set also had contentious discussions.

Mr. Marmarou stated that Mr. Gattone is serious about his service to the City. Mr. Gattone stated that he finds the appeals extremely interesting and he thoroughly enjoys serving. He stated that his original reason for getting involved was the situation at 1711 Hampden Bl.

Ms. Reed stated that the Zoning Hearing Board should not allow billboards in R-1 zoning districts. Mr. Gattone stated that members are alert when they are in the community for establishments which may not have had zoning approval. He stated that the Zoning Hearing

Board has begun adding a stipulation to all appeals that ATM and other vending machines should not be placed outside. He stated that there has been a proliferation of ATM machines on City sidewalks.

Ms. Reed stated that there has also been an increase in donation boxes. She requested that these not be allowed in residential areas.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the reappointment of Jeff Gattone to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Phil Rabena (reappointment – Zoning Hearing Board)

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Rabena is interested in continuing to serve. Mr. Rabenda stated that he does not have an agenda and noted his hope that he is doing his job well. He stated that generally between the letter of the law and the intent of the law is a best solution. He stated that the Zoning Hearing Board is a good group and that consensus can always be found. He noted the need to address the Orange Stone matter to completion. He stated that the attorney for Orange Stone is very frustrating. He noted the need for Orange Stone to be honest about what they mean to use the building for. He stated that he is glad that Council members attend hearings.

Ms. Reed and Mr. Corcoran thanked Mr. Rabena for his work.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the reappointment of Phil Rabena to the Zoning Hearing Board.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shelly Katzenmoyer,
Deputy City Clerk