



CITY COUNCIL

Nominations & Appointments Committee

Monday, March 4, 2013
Meeting Report

Attendance: S. Marmarou, R. Corcoran

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

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

I. Interviews

Mike Zielinski (reappointment – Downtown Improvement District Authority)

Mr. Marmarou stated that the DID Authority has much work before it. He noted the need to keep current members involved. He questioned why Mr. Zielinski was interested in serving. Mr. Zielinski stated that he would love to remain a member. He stated that he likes the direction the downtown is moving. He stated that the current membership is very involved in the downtown and that there is a good dynamic.

Mr. Zielinski stated that DID plays a large role in clean and safe and that the Main Street initiative is crucial to economic development of the downtown area. He stated that he is currently serving as vice chair and is excited for the future of the downtown.

Mr. Marmarou questioned the expansion of the DID area. Mr. Zielinski stated that the Main Street area is actually smaller than DID. He noted that 5th St and 9th St are also essential to the downtown and noted his hope that with increased funding these areas could also be included.

Mr. Zielinski noted the asset DID has in Mr. Broad. He stated that Mr. Broad knows the City and knows the workings of City Hall. He stated that he is a great communicator.

Mr. Zielinski stated that the Reading Eagle is happy to have a representative on the DID Authority as they are a large stakeholder in the downtown. He stated that DID has become a more central force in the last several years.

Mr. Corcoran thanked Mr. Zielinski for his work and his willingness to remain. He stated that he is looking forward to beginning the Main Street program.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the reappointment of Mike Zielinski to the Downtown Improvement District Authority.

JoAnna Seidel and Kathy Schorn (appointment – Board of Health)

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Ms. Seidel and Ms. Schorn were interested in serving the City. Ms. Seidel stated that she would bring a good non-medical opinion to the Board. She stated that she loves the City and wants to give back. Ms. Schorn stated that she has a background in nursing and that the Board has a position available for an individual with a nursing background. She stated that this Board is very important.

Mr. Marmarou stated that the City is currently working to replace its Health Officer. He stated that a current candidate was born and raised in Reading and wants to give back to the community. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that the Health Officer is a paid position with the City, not the physician members of the Board of Health.

Ms. Schorn questioned if the work of the Board is meaningful. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that it is and used the tattoo regulations that the Board is working on as an example. Ms. Schorn noted her surprise by the dedication of the tattoo artists who appeared before the Board at their last meeting. She noted the need not to judge people based on appearance.

Ms. Schorn noted that she is glad that recommendations of the Board are taken seriously by the City. She noted her willingness to learn.

Mr. Corcoran noted the openings available on this Board. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that Ms. Schorn will be appointed to the Board in the nursing position and that Ms. Seidel will be appointed as the alternate citizen-at-large position.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee recommends the appointment of JoAnna Seidel and Kathy Schorn to the Board of Health.

Dennis Baver (reappointment – Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals)

Mr. Marmarou questioned how long Mr. Baver was a part of this Board. Mr. Baver stated that he has served for five years.

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Baver was interested in continuing to serve. Mr. Baver stated that the work is worthwhile and he wishes to give back to the community.

Mr. Marmarou questioned the work of this Board. Mr. Bayer explained that the Board is an appeals board for residents who wish to appeal an order from the City's trades professionals. He stated that the Board then makes rulings. He stated that all appeals he's ruled on favored the City's position except one. He stated that this one dealt with heating regulations and the Board had a different interpretation of the Codes.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if the Board is functioning well. Mr. Bayer stated that it is doing very well.

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

II. Charter Review Commission

Mr. Corcoran stated that John Slifko is interested in serving. Mr. Marmarou stated that Tom Anewalt is interested in serving.

Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that the office did not receive Sam Ruchlewicz's application. She stated that she has been in contact with him and asked him to complete another form and email it to her directly.

III. Blighted Property Review Committee

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that the applicant is not a City resident and does not own City properties. She stated that the Mayor does not support his appointment and that she will send the "Thank you for Applying" letter to Mr. Ribeiro.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shelly Katzenmoyer,
Deputy City Clerk