



CITY COUNCIL

Nominations & Appointments Committee

**Monday, July 6, 2015
Meeting Report**

Attendance: D. Sterner, S. Marmarou, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer, B. Rivera, F. Denbowski

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

I. Interviews

Zelda Yoder (appointment - Board of Ethics)

Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that Ms. Yoder is not eligible to serve on the Board of Ethics due to her involvement in the Democratic Party, a local PAC, and her consistent contributions to local campaigns. She stated that she spoke with Ms. Yoder about the need to disassociate from political activities to become a board member and Ms. Yoder stated that she would prefer to serve in another area.

Mr. Denbowski stated that Ms. Yoder will be applying to serve on the Human Relations Commission.

II. Equal Business Opportunity Advisory Board

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that she has reviewed this ordinance with this Committee several times and has little feedback. She questioned if the Committee wished to move this forward or refer it to the Administration to be addressed internally. She explained that the Minority Business Procurement Board has not been active for many years and that the members became frustrated.

Mr. Marmarou noted his support of the concept.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz agreed and recommended that it move to discussion at Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Denbowski stated that the work group (himself, Ms. Katzenmoyer, and Mr. Coleman) also needs Council's guidance on the composition of board members.

Mr. Sterner expressed the belief that the Administration should work to improve purchasing and contract procedures. He questioned how passing legislation could improve this process. Mr. Denbowski stated that the Administration does not have enough internal capacity to work on this issue alone. He noted the need to implement best practices and provide opportunities to increase involvement of minority, disadvantaged, women and small business enterprises. He stated that this Board would serve in an advisory capacity. He stated that outside entities have voiced support of this effort.

Mr. Sterner voiced concern that the Board members would become frustrated as the members of the Minority Business Procurement Board did in the past.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the need for the City to follow through with the recommendations of this Board. She voiced support of the effort and recommended that discussions move to the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Marmarou agreed.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz requested that this topic be added to the Committee of the Whole agenda. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that she will coordinate with Ms. Kelleher.

III. Other Matters

- Hillside Playground

Mr. Sterner questioned when the MOU for the Christmas display would be discussed with Council. Ms. Katzenmoyer explained that she spoke with Mr. Denbowski about this topic but that the upcoming agendas are filling up.

Mr. Denbowski explained that the MOU will be a starting point. He stated that this agreement will set precedent and that he is prepared to make a presentation to Council. He stated that he is working with Mr. Coleman on the agreement language.

Mr. Sterner and Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz requested that Hillside be added to the July 13 Committee of the Whole agenda.

- Neversink Playground

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the lights have not worked for two years. She described the problems that are occurring there after dark.

- Pagoda

Mr. Marmarou stated that when he made his weekly visit this past weekend, there was a food vendor parked in the handicapped space and two other parking spaces. He stated that he spoke with the vendor who indicated that he had a lease to operate.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that the Foundation has not approved any vendor leases. She stated that the Foundation held a meeting last week and that this was not discussed. She stated that the Foundation has received a \$1,000 donation to paint the flagpole.

The Nominations and Appointments Committee adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Shelly Katzenmoyer, CMC
Deputy City Clerk