



CITY OF DOVER

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, November 4, 2009**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mayor Scott Myers @ 5:30 PM. Member: Councilor DeDe was present. Councilor Callaghan was absent. Interviews were conducted in approximately ten-minute segments. Several recesses were taken as interviews went rather quickly.

The following interviews were conducted:

D. Grace Dean, Arts Commission applicant.

Ms. Dean is a practitioner of fine art in the Russian and Spanish genres. She has experience in her background in Planning and Development for Omaha University and wants to get involved in the growth of arts in Dover and feels her background will help her contribute to Dover's growth. Mayor Myers outlined the background of the Arts Commission here in Dover. Dean allowed as to how it seems evident that the group can use help in Grant Application writing. Dean asked what the Mayor saw as a direction for the Arts Commission in Dover. Mayor Myers talked about synergy with DBIDA to promote economic development by promoting arts using a shared calendar approach working with the various organizations in Dover.

Lief Gerjuoy, Coast applicant was the next applicant. Gerjuoy has had prior experience on the Coast Board and the City has had difficulty in getting representation on the Coast Board, so, Mayor Myers was very enthusiastic in encouraging Gerjuoy to apply. Lief asked what his responsibilities would be in terms of reporting to the Council. Mayor Myers clarified that if some key issues emerged it would be appropriate to submit a written report to the City Clerk to be included in the 'reports' segment of the regular Council meetings. On occasion Coast representatives do come to make presentations to the Council today and that would likely continue.

Myles Moriarty, applicant for the Conservation Commission or the Energy Advisory Committee appeared next. Moriarty allowed as how he had been approached with the idea that he might apply for an open committee/commission position. As it turned out, he had attended an Energy Advisory Committee meeting with Eric Steltzer and was leaning toward that group. He is an electrician by trade and appreciates the 'green' approach to construction that is emerging today. Mayor Myers advised that we would get back to him with the EAC meeting schedules.

Jean Field, candidate for the ethics committee. Mayor Myers asked if she had read the Ethics Ordinance; reply '...not yet...' Mayor Myers advised that there had been only one case in 2 ½ years, and we lose members because of inactivity, though it would be possible that the Ethics Committee could initiate an outreach program to educate the Boards/Commissions and public on what constitutes an ethics violation. When asked why Ms. Field felt qualified to become a member of the commission, the reply was that in her personal life she often mediated disputes between her grandchildren. In addition, Ms. Field is trained as a librarian and is accustomed to research on issues.



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Walter Colby, candidate for reappointment to Skyhaven Airport Board did not appear.

Tom Fargo, former Conservation Commission Chair offered his candidacy for a seat on the Cochecho River Local Advisory Committee. His background and credentials are well known and no questions were asked as to whether this appointment was appropriate. Fargo's present position is in a different area, not involved with this seat.

Jeff Canfield, applicant for the Recreation Advisory Board moved to Dover in 2001, and now that his travel commitments have eased, wants to 'give back' to the Community. He is acquainted with present REA members and has had prior experience in working with organized kid's sports. He is aware of the commitments he is making.

Kathleen Morrison, applicant for a position on the Recreation Advisory Board, has coached baseball, soccer and has served on several similar boards in other communities. She was enthusiastic about maintaining a positive impact on the recreational activities in Dover.

James Brannen, applicant for a Trustee Position on the Trust Fund Advisory Board. Mr. Brannen's resume is very impressive and is personally known by Councilor DeDe from his prior employment position with Federal Savings Bank. Brannen's role was discussed by Mayor Myers, himself a past member of the same Board.

Actions taken by the Committee: (all below were moved by DeDe, 2nd by Myers)

Grace Dean for the Arts Commission, unanimous favorable recommendation

Leif Gerjuoy for Coast, unanimous favorable recommendation

Myles Moriarty for Energy Advisory Committee, unanimous favorable recommendation

Tom Fargo, unanimously favorable recommendation for a seat on the CRLAC.

Jeff Canfield, for the Rec Advisory Board, unanimously recommended.

Kathleen Morrison, for the Rec Advisory Board, unanimously recommended.

James Brannen, for a seat on the Board of Trustees for the City Fund, was unanimously recommended.

Walter Colby for reappointment to Skyhaven Committee

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM. On a motion by DeDe; 2nd by Myers, unanimous to adjourn.