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Subject: Re: *Ext!* council appointments 2020 updated.pdf

Thanks Todd for the reminder for us to select city council appointments. I agree that several councils have had good representation with Jim Nichols on our redevelopment board. In my opinion this is an appointment where experience and good working relationships with the city council is vital.

Neil

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On Dec 30, 2020, at 10:20 PM, Todd Nation <booknation@gmail.com> wrote:

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Hi fellow council members,

Yesterday, Michelle sent us the attached list of council appointments to various boards and commissions. I was reminded that our two appointees to the Redevelopment Commission are both one year appointments.

A year ago, there was confusion about whether or not Jim Nichols wanted to continue as a council appointee to Redevelopment. None of us had heard from Jim going into the meeting where we chose our council appointees. Our other long-standing council appointee Brian Conley was at the meeting, assuring us that he did indeed want to continue to serve on Redevelopment. Karrum Nasser was there too, he was nominated, he and Brian got more votes than Jim, and he and Brian were duly appointed.

When I finally spoke to Jim the day after our vote, he was bewildered. He had expected to be reappointed without much discussion, as had repeatedly happened before.

I followed up with Jim last week, asking him if he is still willing to serve as a City Council appointee to the Redevelopment Commission. Jim replied that he would be happy to serve, as he did for over a decade before this year.

I realize that we still need to pick a council president for 2021, and bringing this up may seem premature. In the time before these appointments are made, I urge you to reach out to Jim — he has served the council and the City well, and he understands the mission of our Redevelopment Commission.

Thanks for your consideration.

See you next year. May it be a Happy one!

Todd
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