

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. B(7)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: February 3, 2004

TITLE: Request to Increase the Membership of the Arts Committee and Appointments to the Committee

DEPARTMENT: n/a	PUBLIC HEARING: YES or NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ATTACHMENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. ResolutionB. Excerpt from 9-2-97 Minutes of the Board of AldermenC. Recommendation from the Chair of the Arts Committee on Increasing the MembershipD. Excerpt from 11-28-03 Minutes of the Board of AldermenE. Applications from William Stott, Catherine Kerr, John WilnerF. Recommendation from the Chair of the Arts Committee concerning appointments	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mayor Nelson, 749-6155

PURPOSE

The Chair of the Arts Committee is requesting the Mayor and Board of Aldermen considering increasing the membership of the Arts Committee from five to nine members. In addition, the Chair is recommending the appointment of William Stott, Catherine Kerr and Jon Wilner to the Committee.

INFORMATION

On September 2, 1997, the Board of Aldermen established the Arts Committee. (Attachment B) At that time, the committee's membership was to consist of no more than five members. Victoria Ralston, the current Chair of the Arts Committee, is requesting that the Board consider increasing the size of the committee to nine members. (Attachment C) She feels the larger committee will allow the members to work more effectively on projects by dividing tasks among more members.

On November 18, 2003, the Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution directing that a staff member be assigned to work with the Art Committee, that the Committee develop a description of a process for art selection, including an application process, and that the Committee have a quorum present when art is selected. In addition, the Board requested that a staff member be assigned to work with the Arts Committee. The Mayor's Assistant will serve as staff liaison to the Committee.

The Chair is recommending the appointment of William Stott, Catherine Kerr and Jon Wilner to the Committee.

The town staff requests that terms be assigned to members of the Arts Committee. Terms were not established when the Committee was formed. Attachment A includes terms of office for existing members and recommended appointees. In addition, the Town Attorney is drafting an ordinance which would officially establish the Arts Committee and establishing terms of office for the members.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

The administration recommends that the Board consider adopting the attached resolution increasing the membership of the Arts Committee, appointing William Stott, Catherine Kerr and Jon Wilner, and establishing terms of office for the members.