

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Revised: 4/15/08

MEETING DATE: April 15, 2008

TITLE: Appointments to the Recreation and Parks Commission

DEPARTMENT: n/a	PUBLIC HEARING: YES ___ NO <u>x</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Summary of Vacancies, Applicants and Recommended Appointees C. Applicants Recommended by the Recreation & Parks Commission Chair D. Applications E. Letter from Supt. Neil Pedersen F. Summary of Applications	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Williamson, 918-7309

PURPOSE

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen will consider making appointments to the Recreation and Parks Commission. The town staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution.

INFORMATION

The terms of Marianne Nicholson and Eric Allman expired in February 2008. In addition, there is one additional in-town seat vacant, two out-of-town seats vacant and a school system representative seat vacant.

These positions were advertised by the town staff and applications were received from: Eric Allman, Sarah Andrews, David Dirito, Tom Hoban, Matthew Grady, Marianne Nicholson, and Sarah Sizemore. These applications were forwarded to the Recreation & Parks Commission Chair for review and consideration and the Chair is recommending that Eric Allman, Marianne Nicholson, David Dirito, and Sarah Sizemore be appointed at this time.

The school representative position on the Recreation and Parks Commission has been vacant for a number of years. In an effort to fill this seat, the town staff contacted Neil Pedersen, Superintendent of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools about the possibility of Kevin Fuerst (a school system employee and a current member of the Recreation & Parks Commission) serving as the school system's representative on the Commission. Mr. Pedersen has approved this appointment. (See Attachment D) Therefore, the town staff suggests that Kevin Fuerst be moved from an in-town seat to the school system representative seat on the Commission. That would leave an additional in-town seat vacant.

In addition, the two out-of-town seats on the Commission have been vacant for some time. The town staff has not received any applicants for these two seats. Section 3-27 of the Town Code has a provision that states: "...if, despite good faith efforts, out-of-town residents cannot be found to fill the two out-of-town seats on the commission, then the Board of Aldermen may appoint other Carrboro residents to fill these seats." Therefore, the Board could consider the remaining in-town applicants for these seats.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The town staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution making appointments to the Recreation and Parks Commission.