

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE) RESOLUTION NO. 10-4142
APPOINTMENT OF JEFF BISSONNETTE AND THE)
REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. CECE HUGHLEY NOEL AND) Introduced by David Bragdon,
MR. DAVID DAVIES TO THE NORTH PORTLAND) Council President
REHABILITATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE)
(NPREC)

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.140 provides for a North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC); and,

WHEREAS, Metro Code 2.19.140(b) authorizes seven citizen representatives for NPREC membership; and,

WHEREAS, vacancies have occurred in the NPREC membership; and,

WHEREAS, the Council President has appointed Mr. Bissonnette to the position of Cathedral Park neighborhood representative, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and,

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030 states that advisory committee members and alternate members are limited to two consecutive two-year terms; and,

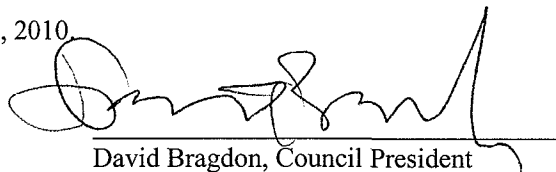
WHEREAS, Ms. Hughley Noel and Mr. Davies' initial term has expired and they have expressed interested in serving another term; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Hughley Noel and Mr. Davies are members in good standing and their reappointments are supported by the Committee and Committee Chair; and,

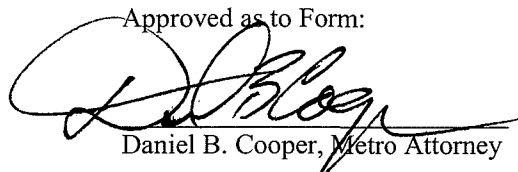
WHEREAS, the Council President has reappointed these individuals, subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council confirms the appointment of Mr. Bissonnette and the reappointment of Ms. Hughley Noel and Mr. Davies to serve on the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee.

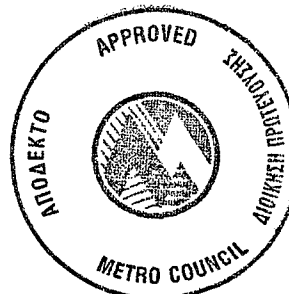
ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 15 day of April, 2010.


David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:


Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney

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STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-4142, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JEFF BISSONNETTE AND THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF CECE HUGHLEY NOEL AND DAVID DAVIES TO THE NORTH PORTLAND REHABILITATION AND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (NPREC)

Date: March 26, 2010

Prepared by: Karen Blauer

BACKGROUND

A vacancy has occurred in the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (hereinafter referred to as NPREC) membership. Metro Code Chapter 2.19.140, "North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC)," provides for the NPREC and subsection 2.19.140(b) authorizes representatives for Committee membership and representation criteria. The vacancy in the NPREC membership exists due to term limits for the member representing the Cathedral Park neighborhood.

A recruitment effort to fill the position was launched in February 2010 with a recruitment letter sent from Rex Burkholder, Metro Councilor and North Portland Enhancement Committee chair, to approximately 45 community leaders including representatives of North Portland neighborhood and business associations, local schools, nonprofit and advocacy organizations, cultural groups and government staff and officials. Following the letter, a mailer announcing the recruitment was sent to nearly 200 local residents. In addition, advertisements were placed in two local newspapers (the St. Johns Review and Portland Sentinel). The announcements directed those interested to Metro's web site where more details and an Applicant Interest Form were posted. A copy of Councilor Burkholder's letter, the mailer and advertisements appear here as Attachments 1 - 3.

A panel comprised of past Metro grant selection committee members and grant recipients was asked to review and evaluate applicants' interest forms and to provide Metro Council with a recommendation for nominations. The panel included Doug Ray (founder of Friends of Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association, resident of the neighborhood and past member of the North Portland Enhancement Committee), Rick Sandstrom (former chair of Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association, community activist and former member of the Metro Central Enhancement Committee), and Tom Griffin-Valade (North Portland Neighborhood Services District Director).

Four candidates applied for the position. The Review Panel recommends the appointment of Jeff Bissonnette. He is active in and knowledgeable about his neighborhood, has professional expertise and credentials that will be an asset to Metro's committee and decision-making process and received "high" ratings (a copy of candidates' applications and the review panel's recommendation are attachments 4 - 5).

The eight-member North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC) is charged with making recommendations to the Metro Council regarding policies and the administration of the rehabilitation and enhancement program for the North Portland Area, including recommending projects for funding.

Metro Code 2.19.140(b) authorizes membership on the Committee, including seven citizen neighborhood representatives. Metro Code 2.19.030 concerning membership of advisory committees, limits these representatives to two consecutive two-year terms. Two members' terms have expired: Cece Hughley Noel, representing the Portsmouth neighborhood and David Davies, representing the Overlook neighborhood. Both are members in good standing and Councilor Rex Burkholder, chair of the NPREC, supports their reappointments. Furthermore, both have expressed interest in serving second terms on the NPREC.

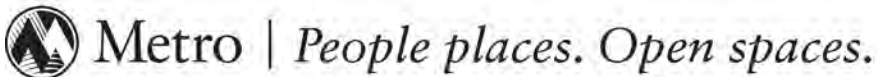
ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. Known Opposition. There is no known opposition to the appointment of Mr. Bissonnette and the reappointments of Ms. Hughley Noel and Mr. Davies to the NPREC.
2. Legal Antecedents. Chapter 2.19 of the Metro Code Relating to Advisory Committees; Section 2.19.140 provides for a North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee (NPREC) and sets forth guidelines for representation.
3. Anticipated Effects. Adoption of this resolution would confirm the appointment of Mr. Bissonnette and the reappointments of Ms. Hughley Noel and Mr. Davies to the NPREC.
4. Budget Impacts. There are no known costs associated with implementation of this legislation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

David Bragdon, Council President, and Councilor Rex Burkholder, chair of the enhancement committee, recommend adoption of this resolution to confirm the appointment of Jeff Bissonnette and the reappointments of Cece Hughley Noel and David Davies to serve on the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee.

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February 19, 2010

Dear Friend:

Metro is recruiting for a representative from the Cathedral Park neighborhood to serve a two-year term on Metro's North Portland Enhancement Committee. This person will fill a position vacated by someone who recently completed a term. Please consider people you believe would be good prospects for this special opportunity and encourage them to apply now. **The application deadline is 9 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2010.**

As Metro Councilor representing the district, I chair the committee. Seven citizen members round out the group, all of whom represent a neighborhood within the grant target area.

Committee members help solicit and review grant applications, and select a slate of neighborhood improvement projects to fund that will benefit the area directly affected by the now-closed St. Johns landfill. Typically, committee members are community activists who are knowledgeable about the needs of their neighborhood, its environmental features and the community in general.

Individuals that serve on the committee must live within the grant target area. They are expected to attend two to three meetings per grant cycle - usually in the spring - at Metro Regional Center in Northeast Portland. Current and past committee members have commented that their work, though limited in scope and time commitment, is challenging and very rewarding.

Candidates will need to complete the attached "appointment interest form" and send it to Metro, care of Karen Blauer (via US mail at 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232 or via email karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov). A panel of past committee members from North Portland will review applications and forward a nomination to me. The appointment will be confirmed by the Metro Council.

This will be the 22nd year Metro has invested funds in the community through the North Portland grant program. In that time, more than \$2.2 million has been awarded to help fund 439 neighborhood improvement projects. Thank you again for your help with Metro's recruitment for this important committee.

Sincerely,

Rex Burkholder, Metro Councilor (District 5)
Chair, North Portland Enhancement Committee



NORTH PORTLAND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENT INTEREST FORM

COMMENTS: (this section to be filled out by nomination committee only)

NAME NEIGHBORHOOD

HOME ADDRESS:

STREET CITY STATE ZIP

BUSINESS ADDRESS:
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE: BUSINESS PHONE:

E-MAIL:

FAX:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY:

GENDER: ETHNIC ORIGIN
(Metro strives for membership on its committee that reflects the diversity of the North Portland community.)

SCHOOL (include high school) LOCATION MAJOR OR DEGREE

Please explain your reasons and interests in applying for this appointment.

Please describe life skills or qualifications you would contribute to this public service appointment (e.g., project management, accounting, mediation, public relations, other).

Please list relevant experience serving your neighborhood and the North Portland community.

Please explain how you keep informed and aware of the community's diverse needs and priorities.

Please summarize relevant experience working with people of varied backgrounds and under-represented groups.

Applications are due at 9 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2010. Please send or deliver to Karen Blauer, Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232. Forms can be faxed (503-797-1849), or emailed (karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov).

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Now recruiting residents from Cathedral Park to serve on Metro's grant selection committee. For more information, contact Karen Blauer, community grants coordinator, at 503-797-1506 or karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov.



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Tom Griffin-Valade, Director

Arbor Lodge Bridgeton Cathedral Park East Columbia Kenton Hayden Island Overlook Piedmont Portsmouth St Johns University Park

TO: Councilor Rex Burkholder

THROUGH: Karen Blauer, Grants Coordinator

DATE: March 31, 2010

RE: [Metro's North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee](#)

Doug Ray, Rick Sandstorm, and I were appointed to review applications from the Cathedral Park neighborhood for [Metro's North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee](#). Four excellent, well qualified candidates applied for this position.

Jeff Bissonnette received high ratings (9 of 9 pts) from the appointment committee. His active involvement in nearly every civic group in the Cathedral Park/St Johns area along w/ his knowledge of North Portland and Metro make him the strongest of the candidates. In addition, Mr. Bissonnette brings a wealth of experience from his work and civic involvement in the Metro area.

High-medium ratings were received by April Brinkman (7.5 of 9 pts), Andrew De Veux (7 of 9 pts), and Curt Schneider (7 of 9 pts). Each of these candidates, received high marks from the reviewers. While each had impressive backgrounds in community work, their level of community engagement was somewhat less than the highest ranking candidate.

The review panel recommends the appointment of Jeff Bissonnette to this position.



NORTH PORTLAND ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENT INTEREST FORM

COMMENTS: (this section to be filled out by nomination committee only)

NAME: JEFF BISSONNETTE

NEIGHBORHOOD: CATHEDRAL PARK

HOME ADDRESS:

STREET: 9217 N WILLAMETTE BLVD

CITY: PORTLAND STATE: OR ZIP: 97203

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

STREET: 610 SW BROADWAY, #308

CITY: PORTLAND STATE: OR ZIP: 97203

HOME PHONE: 503-516-1636

BUSINESS PHONE: 503-227-1984

E-MAIL: JEFF@JEFFBISSONNETTE.COM

FAX:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY:

Metro strives for membership on its committee that reflects the diversity of the North Portland community.

GENDER: MALE

ETHNIC ORIGIN: CAUCASIAN

SCHOOL (include high school)

LOCATION

MAJOR OR DEGREE

MARIST HIGH SCHOOL

EUGENE, OR

DIPLOMA

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

EUGENE, OR

BA; PLANNING, PUBLIC
POLICY & MGMT

Please explain your reasons and interests in applying for this appointment.

I have a long standing commitment to civic engagement. I believe it's important for community members to take responsibility to be involved in community decision-making. In the six years I've lived in North Portland, I have attempted to take an active role in the issues of the area. If my service on the North Portland Enhancement Committee can be helpful to the process, I'm happy to participate.

Please describe life skills or qualifications you would contribute to this public service appointment (e.g., project management, accounting, mediation, public relations, other).

I have worked for non-profit organizations throughout my working life and understand the importance of grant funding. I have also managed many grant-funded projects and completed project evaluations. From this experience, I have gained a sense of the necessary planning and implementation requirements to successfully accomplish goals and objectives outlined in a grant. I believe this experience can help ensure that resources are awarded to the projects that will deliver the most benefit to the community.

Please list relevant experience serving your neighborhood and the North Portland community.

Regular attendee at St. Johns Neighborhood Assoc. and Cathedral Park Neighborhood Assoc. meetings
Participant in the St. Johns Main Street Coalition; member of Economic Restructuring Cmte.
Participant in Friends of Baltimore Woods; member of Education and Outreach Cmte.
Attendee of quarterly meetings of "The Gathering" involving N. Portland businesses and organizations.

Please explain how you keep informed and aware of the community's diverse needs and priorities.

My involvement in the community groups and efforts named above play a significant part in keeping me in touch with the community's needs and priorities. I also read a variety of community newspapers and online forums. I make a habit of frequenting North Portland businesses and talk both to owners and customers about a variety of issues. Finally, riding the Number 16 bus is a frequent source of information about topics affecting the community.

Please summarize relevant experience working with people of varied backgrounds and under-represented groups.

I have broad experience working with people of varied backgrounds and underrepresented groups. My professional life has been as a community organizer, working for almost 8 years as a social service advocate on anti-hunger, food and nutrition issues and the last 12 years as a consumer advocate representing residential utility ratepayers. In those roles, I've needed to be equally comfortable interacting with individuals in difficult economic situations as well as high-ranking politicians and corporate representatives. I also sit on the city's citizen police oversight committee and need to have equally solid conversations with both police officers and individuals encountering problems with members of the police bureau or with bureau policies.